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HOLDING HANDS WITH A GIRL...
AKIRA? WHAT COUNTS AS MESSING AROUND?
AND HOW MANY POINTS WOULD I LOSE?
...WOULD BE MINUS 100 POINTS.
IF SHE FINDS OUT, I'M A DEAD MAN.

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WHY ARE ALL THE PEOPLE I KNOW SO GOOD AT SEEING THROUGH LIES?
A-AHA HA HA... NO I'M NOT.
YOU LOOK PALE.
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, AKI?
I-I'VE GOT NOTHING TO HIDE!
I'VE SURE NEVER KISSED ANYONE, NOPE!
OH, MY. SOMETHING DID HAPPEN.
TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT.
I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S NOTHING!
IF YOU DON'T ANSWER ME, AKI...
YOU'RE IN FOR IT.
SIGH
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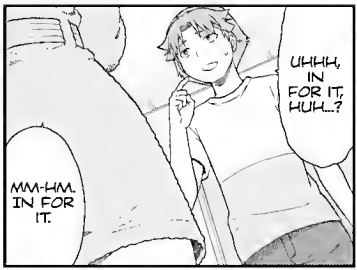

UHHH, IN FOR IT, HUH...?
MM-HM. IN FOR IT.

HUH? IS SHE ACTUALLY GONNA GIVE ME A NORMAL BEATING?

I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT BIZARRE THREATS LIKE KISSING ASIDE...
I LIVE ON THE EDGE, FIGHTING FOR MY LIFE EVERY DAY. THIS ISN'T NEARLY ENOUGH TO SCARE ME.
IT'S ALMOST QUAINT.

AHA HA! I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY.

I WOULD HAVE TO DO SOMETHING AWFUL TO YOU.
GOOD QUESTION. SOMETHING AWFUL.

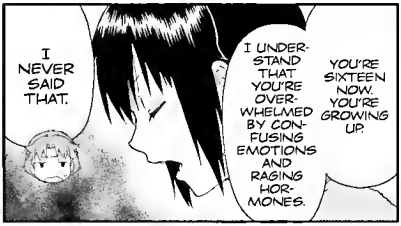
AND WHAT AM I IN FOR?

TRIP
WUMP
BASH
BASH
BASH
BASH
I TRIED.
YOU'RE AWFUL! FREAK-ING AWFUL!!
I FORGOT SHE WAS LIKE THIS.
WHY AM I SO STUPID ...?!

LISTEN, AKI.
I'VE ALWAYS TOLD YOU...
YOU'LL NEVER BE ATTRACTIVE TO THE OPPOSITE SEX.

I'M A WOMAN, SO YOU CAN TRUST MY JUDGMENT.
ANY GIRLS WHO APPROACH YOU...
...ARE BAD GIRLS OUT TO TRICK YOU.

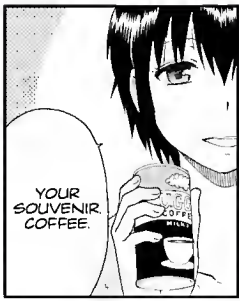
I COULDN'T BEAR TO SEE THEM BREAK YOUR HEART.
SO YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO SEE ANY GIRLS. OKAY?
S-SURE. THANKS FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME.


YOU'RE SIXTEEN NOW. YOU'RE GROWING UP.
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE OVERWHELMED BY CONFUSING EMOTIONS AND RAGING HORMONES.
I NEVER SAID THAT.

BUT ISN'T THAT A LITTLE OVERPROTECTIVE?
IF I CAN'T HOLD HANDS, I CAN'T EVEN DO THE FOLK DANCES AT SCHOOL.

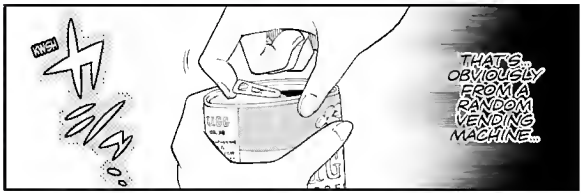
SO I'LL COMPROMISE AS MUCH AS I CAN.
COMPROMISE?

YOU MAY NOT MESS AROUND WITH GIRLS IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM.
BUT IF YOU WANT TO MESS AROUND WITH BOYS, THAT'S OKAY.
HOW?! HOW DID LIVING ABROAD MAKE YOUR LOGIC SO WARPED?!
SHE USED TO BE A LITTLE LESS INSANE!!
TSCH
YOU MUST BE TIRED OF TALKING.
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A BATH?
SUSPICIOUS WAY TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT.
ARE YOU GONNA SEARCH THE PLACE WHILE I'M IN THERE?
IT'S STILL EARLY.
I'LL JUST HIT THE SHOWER BEFORE BED.
I DON'T NEED A BATH, ANYWAY.
THANK GOD I FINALLY PAID THE GAS BILL LAST WEEK.
NO. NOT NECESSARILY.
THAT'S... NOT RE-ASSURING.
GLARE


YOUR SOUVENIR. COFFEE.

YEAH?
OKAY. THAT REMINDS ME...

OH? NO BATH FOR YOU?
NOPE. 'CAUSE YOU'RE UP TO NO GOOD.


KNICK
THAT'S... OBVIOUSLY FROM A RANDOM VENDING MACHINE...

OH NO! I SLIPPED!

SWISH
YOINK!
EASY PEASY, LEMON SQUEEZ--

THANKS.
HERE YOU GO.

SPLAT
SPLAT
SPLAT
WALKING
TAP

WHATEVER SHE'S AFTER, IT'S GONNA BE THE DEATH OF ME...
IF YOU'RE GONNA GO THAT FAR, DON'T BOTHER COVERING IT UP!!
CLUMSY ME.

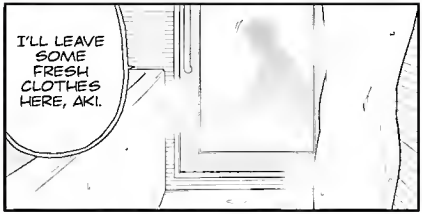
SOMEBODY NEEDS A SHOWER.
STILL BUGS ME THAT YOU'RE ACTING ALL INNOCENT, BUT...
I'LL FOLLOW YOUR ADVICE.
BUT LEMME SAY ONE THING FIRST.
DON'T YOU DAA-ARE...
...TEAR THROUGH MY ROOM!!

OF COURSE I WOULDN'T.
I WON'T TOUCH ANY-THING IN THIS APART-MENT WHILE YOU'RE GONE.
HUH? G-GREAT.
I APPRE-CIATE IT.
WASN'T EXPECTING THAT. ALMOST KINDA BORING.
WHY'D SHE SAY SHE WOULDN'T TOUCH ANYTHING?
IT DIDN'T SOUND LIKE A LIE, THOUGH.
?

...DO I STINK OR SOMETHING?
IT'S SWELTERING OUT. MAYBE I WORKED UP A SWEAT WITH MY GAME.
SHE COULD HAVE JUST TOLD ME!
OHHH. THANKS FOR BEING NICE.
I'LL BE HAPPY TO SEE YOU ALL SPARKLING.
THINK NOTHING OF IT.
I'M GONNA SHOWER OFF, THEN.
HOT WATER FOR ONCE...
♪♪♪
SHAAAA--
POSHH

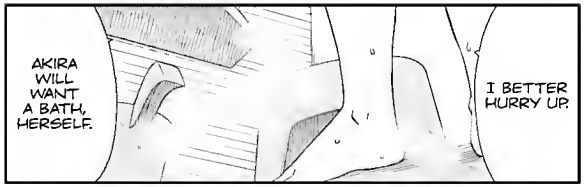
BUT AKIRA WILL MAKE A FUSS IF I WALK AROUND IN A TOWEL.
I'D GO GRAB ONE FROM MY ROOM...

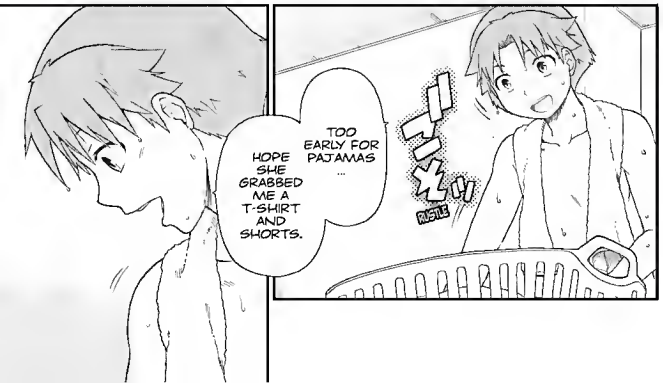
WHOOPS. I FORGOT TO GRAB A CHANGE OF CLOTHES.


I'LL LEAVE SOME FRESH CLOTHES HERE, AKI.

THANKS.
I CAN GET AWAY WITH A LOT, LIVING ALONE...
..BUT IT MIGHT NOT BE SO BAD TO HAVE SOMEBODY LOOKING OUT FOR ME.

I WASN'T SURE WHAT YOU'D WANT, SO I BROUGHT A FEW DIFFERENT THINGS.
WEAR WHATEVER YOU LIKE BEST.


I BETTER HURRY UP.
AKIRA WILL WANT A BATH, HERSELF.


TOO EARLY FOR PAJAMAS ...
HOPE SHE GRABBED ME A T-SHIRT AND SHORTS.
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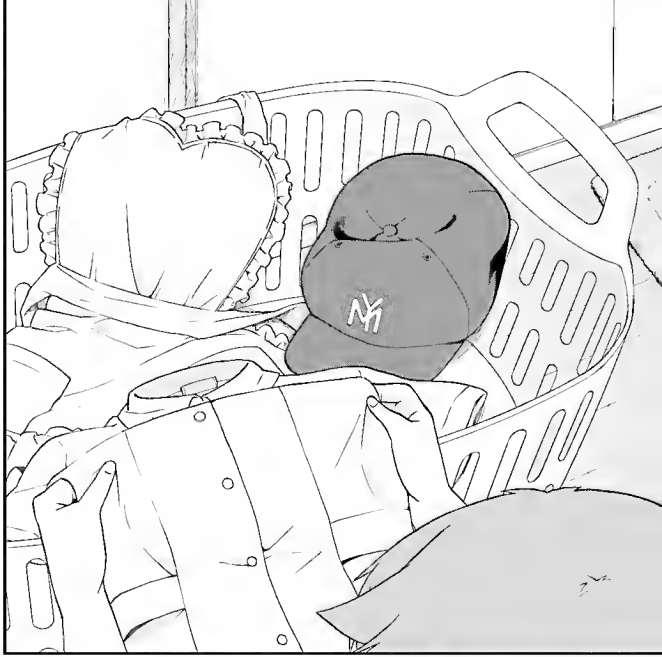
RISE!



SO I'LL THINK HARD AND CHOOSE CORRECTLY.
THESE CHOICES SEEM UNCONVENTIONAL AT FIRST GLANCE, BUT THERE COULD BE MEANING BEHIND THEM.
NOW, NOW. STAY CALM, ME.

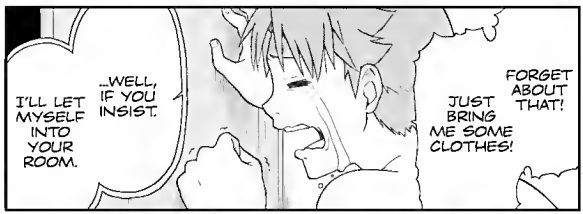
HOO BOY. THERE'S NOTHING NORMAL IN HERE.

CHOICE 1:
NURSE UNIFORM
A UNIFORM WORN MAINLY BY THOSE WHO ARE STRONG-WILLED AND DEVOTED TO HELPING THE SICK AND INJURED.
MAKES PEOPLE FEEL HEALTHY AND SAFE, BUT DEFINITELY NOT APPROPRIATE ATTIRE FOR A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT JUST GETTING OUT OF THE SHOWER.
CHOICE 2: APRON
A POPULAR ACCESSORY AND A FIXTURE OF EVERY KITCHEN.
MAN OR WOMAN, YOUNG OR OLD, ANYONE CAN WEAR ONE... BUT WEARING ONLY AN APRON TRANSFORMS THE KITCHEN INTO A WORLD OF A DIFFERENT NATURE.
SOMEWHAT UNSUITABLE FOR A HIGH SCHOOL BOY A PIECE MEANT FOR THE MORE EXPERIENCED AMONG US.
CHOICE 3:
BASEBALL CAP
(YA*KEES)
* NOT ACTUALLY CLOTHES

I'M SORRY, AKI.
THE SIZES MAY BE OFF. I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND.
AHA HA... IT'S NOT THE SIZES THAT I MIND...
CRAP. I KEEP LOOKING, BUT NOPE, STILL NOT SEEING ANYTHING I CAN WEAR.
WHY DOES AKIRA HAVE AN APRON WHEN SHE CAN'T COOK, ANYWAY?
AND THE NURSE UNIFORM... WHAT EXACTLY DOES SHE DO ABROAD, AGAIN?
YEESH... DOES SHE HAVE NO COMMON SENSE?
GOODNESS, AKI! I LEFT YOU CLEAN CLOTHES!
DON'T WALK AROUND HALF-NAKED!

YEAH, THAT'S NOT A COMPLIMENT.
DON'T WORRY. YOU'LL LOOK ADORABLE.
むふー
UH, YOU ONLY LEFT GIRLY STUFF AND A HAT.
OKAY, DO YOU MIND GRABBING ME A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FROM MY ROOM?
I CAN NEVER TELL WHAT SHE'S THINKING...
IS THIS WHY SHE SPILLED COFFEE ON ME?
FORGET IT! I'M WEARING A TOWEL!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE SHOUTING.
THIS IS WHAT YOU MEAN BY SPARKLING?! PERVERT!!
I CAN'T. I DECIDED NOT TO BARGE INTO YOUR ROOM.
GIVE IN TO YOUR SPARKLING SIDE.
SAID THE POT TO THE KETTLE !!
THAT'S VULGAR ...
...FOR A BOY YOUR AGE.

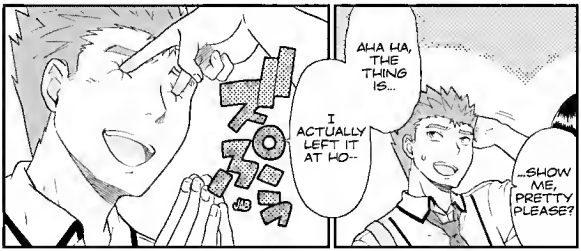
WHY NOT ?!
BUT I CAN'T.
AARGH, WHATEVER!
JUST BRING ME SOMETHING FROM MY ROOM!!
AND I NEVER BREAK MY PROMISES.
I MADE YOU A PROMISE.


I'LL LET MYSELF INTO YOUR ROOM.
...WELL, IF YOU INSIST.
JUST BRING ME SOME CLOTHES!
FORGET ABOUT THAT!

WHAT IS MY LIFE COMING TO?
ALL THIS JUST FOR A CHANGE OF CLOTHES ...?

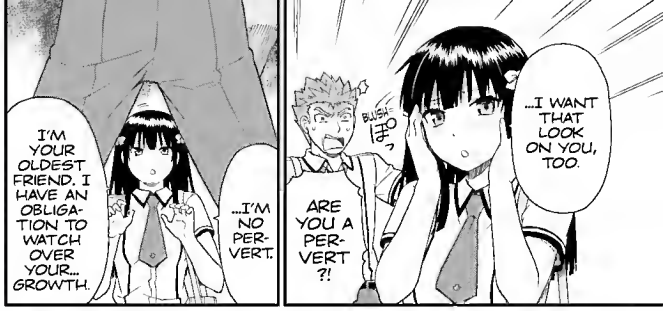
THE NEXT MORNING
YUUJI.
WHAT'S UP, SHOUKO?
...SHOW ME YOUR PHONE.
WHAT DO YOU WANT IT FOR?
...THEY SAID ON TV...
ON TV?
...SO SHOW IT TO ME.
I'LL PASS.
... EVIDENCE OF AFFAIRS CAN COMMONLY BE FOUND ON CELL PHONES.

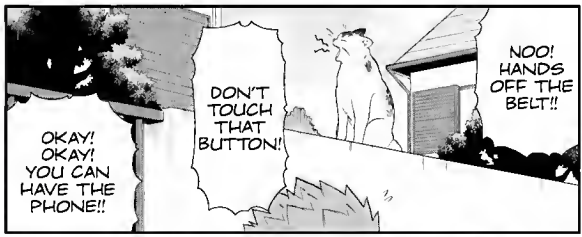
WHY ARE YOU CLENCHING YOUR FIST?! YOU GONNA PUNCH ME?!
WAIT! I THINK WE SKIPPED A FEW SCENES HERE!!
..CLENCH YOUR TEETH.

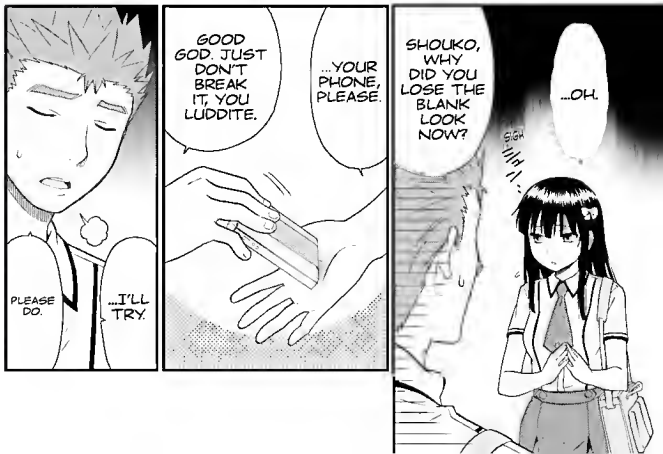

AHA HA, THE THING IS...
I ACTUALLY LEFT IT AT HO--
...SHOW ME, PRETTY PLEASE?

WHY'D YOU SAY TO CLENCH MY TEETH?! FOR A FEINT?! DAMMIT!!
YOU STILL WENT FOR AN EYE JAB?!
...I SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS FROM THE START.
GYAAA!! MY EEEEYES!!

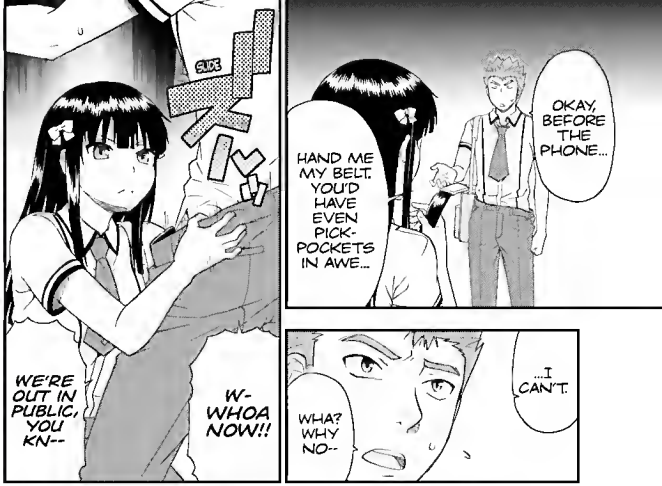
MY BO...?!
...IF YOU RESIST, I'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOUR PANTS AND YOUR BOXERS.
I FINALLY GOT IT FIXED! YOU'RE NOT GONNA TAKE IT!
Y-YOU CAN'T HAVE IT!!
..MOVE YOUR HAND. I CAN'T GET TO YOUR PHONE.
YOU WANT ME TO SHOW UP AT SCHOOL WITH MY JUNK HANGING OUT?!
NOT GONNA ARGUE ON THE SLACKS, BUT WHY DO YOU NEED MY BOXERS?!
YEAH, ON A GIRL, NOT ON OURSELVES!
BIIIG DIF-FERENCE THERE!
..YOUR MOTHER TOLD ME THAT A BOY'S FAVORITE OUTFIT IS A SINGLE BUTTON-UP SHIRT.


...I WANT THAT LOOK ON YOU, TOO.
BUSH
ARE YOU A PERVERT?!
...I'M NO PERVERT.
I'M YOUR OLDEST FRIEND. I HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO WATCH OVER YOUR... GROWTH.


NOO! HANDS OFF THE BELT!!
DON'T TOUCH THAT BUTTON!
OKAY! OKAY! YOU CAN HAVE THE PHONE!!


SHOUKO, WHY DID YOU LOSE THE BLANK LOOK NOW?
...OH.
SIGH
...YOUR PHONE, PLEASE.
GOOD GOD. JUST DON'T BREAK IT, YOU LUDDITE.
...I'LL TRY.
PLEASE DO.

HOLD UP! YOU GOT THE PHONE!!
SEE? NOW GIMME BACK MY PHONE--
...
SO? NOTHING FUNNY, RIGHT?
...IT MEANS YOU'RE CHEATING ON ME WITH HIM.
YEAH... NO.
...YOU TEXT YOSHII MORE THAN ME.
YEAH, WHAT ABOUT IT?
A TEXT? THAT WAS ON MINE, YEAH?
HAND ME THE PHO--
..BUT...
WE JUST TALK ABOUT HANGING OUT, SEE?
LOOK, SHOUKO, READ THE TEXTS.
BZZT
GODOOOOI
WHY DO ALL THE PEOPLE I KNOW CONSIDER GENDER AS AN AFTER-THOUGHT?
...I HAVE TO PUNISH YOU.

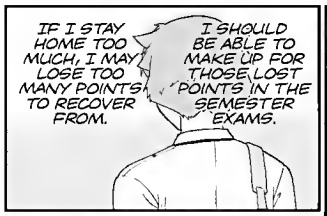

SLAP
W-WHOA NOW!!
WE'RE OUT IN PUBLIC, YOU KN--
HAND ME MY BELT. YOU'D HAVE EVEN PICK-POCKETS IN AWE...
OKAY, BEFORE THE PHONE...
WHA? WHY NO--
...I CAN'T.

JUST LEAVE ME MY BOXERS !!
YOU CAN HAVE MY PANTS!
OKAY! OKAY! I CAN BE ADULT ABOUT THIS!

...YOU CAN'T CHEAT ON ME...!
ARE YOU INSANE?! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'RE DOING?!
...I CAN'T.

SENDER: Akihisa Yoshii
SUBJECT: Re:
Can I stay over tonight? I don't want to go home.
REPLY
WHAT THE HELL DID THAT TEXT SAY?!
DAM-MIT!!

AAAND TEXTED.


IF I STAY HOME TOO MUCH, I MAY LOSE TOO MANY POINTS TO RECOVER FROM.
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE UP FOR THOSE LOST POINTS IN THE SEMESTER EXAMS.

WE WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE A REMATCH TODAY, BUT MY PLACE IS NOW OFF-LIMITS.
DON'T NEED ANYBODY KNOWING HOW CRAZY MY SISTER IS. BUT MOSTLY, I DREAD GOING BACK THERE.

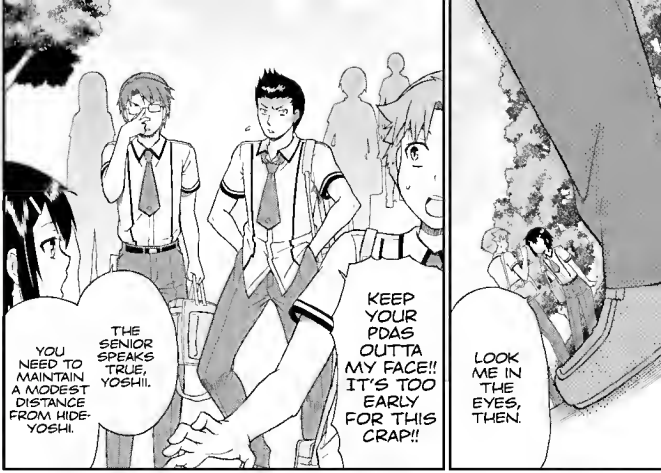
GOTTA GET YUUJI TO LET ME STAY OVER, IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO.
HM? AKIHISA ?

MORNING.
HEY! G'MORNING, HIDEYOSHI!
WHAT'S UP, HIDEYOSHI?
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?

YOU SEEM DIFFERENT THIS MORNING.
IT'S JUST THAT...

I HAVE TO KEEP MY SISTER A SECRET, EVEN IF IT MEANS LYING TO HIDEYOSHI!
HE'S ONTO ME ALREADY?!
NOTHIN' DIFFERENT HERE!
I-IT'S TOTALLY YOUR IMAGINATION!
BWEH?!

H-HE'S SHARP!!!
YOUR COLOR LOOKS HEALTHY TODAY.
DID YOU HAPPEN UPON A WINDFALL AND EAT BREAKFAST FOR ONCE?
I CAN'T SKIP BREAKFAST WITH AKIRA BREATHING DOWN MY NECK.
SO I SOLD OFF SOME GAMES AND BOOKS FOR THE MONEY. I'D FAKE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.
A-AWW, GEEZ... EVEN I HAVE BREAKFAST NOW AND THEN!
YOUR SHIRT AND SLACKS HAVE EVEN BEEN IRONED.
W-WELL, YOU KNOW! IT'S A MONDAY AND ALL!
GASP
..HOW SUSPICIOUS.
N-NO IT'S NOT!
THEN WHY DO YOU AVERT YOUR GAZE?
YOU'RE OVER-THINK-ING.


LOOK ME IN THE EYES, THEN.
KEEP YOUR PDAS OUTTA MY FACE!! IT'S TOO EARLY FOR THIS CRAP!!
THE SENIOR SPEAKS TRUE, YOSHII.
YOU NEED TO MAINTAIN A MODEST DISTANCE FROM HIDE-YOSHI.

A PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFEC-TION? PLEASE.
EVERY-ONE HERE IS A BOY, INCLUDING YOUR-SELVES.
SORRY, HIDE-YOSHI! GOTTA GO!
TWP

CRAP. I GOTTA THINK UP AN EXCUSE, AND FAST...

HRM. HE RAN, DID HE?

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QUESTION 49
YUUJI? WHAT'S WITH YOU?
GOOD MOR--
2-F
DOOM
DOOM
YOU DID THIS TO ME, AKIHISA ...!!
IT'S YOUR FAULT I HAD TO SHOW UP LOOKIN' LIKE AN EARTH DAY POSTER REJECT...!!

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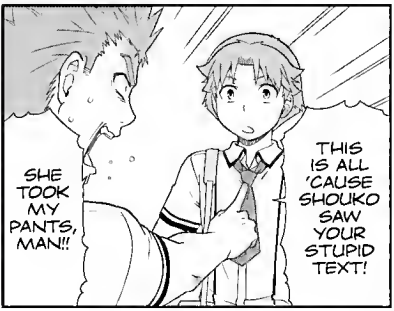
I'MA KILL YOU FOR THIS!!
WHAA?! WHAT THE HECK?!
WHAT DID I DO?!
SHUT UP!! DIE!! AND GIVE ME YOUR UNIFORM!!
HEY, DIDJA HEAR ABOUT SAKAMOTO?
CLICK
SWITCH
YEAH, FOR SURE. THE DUDE SHOWED UP AT SCHOOL IN NOTHING BUT HIS SHIRT.
ALL I CAN SAY IS... ONLY HIM.
I DON'T EVEN BLINK AT CROSS-DRESSING ANYMORE, BUT THIS TAKES THE CAKE.
...
...
HOW TO BREAK THIS AWKWARD SILENCE?

H-HOLD UP!! I DIDN'T WANT TO END UP DRESSED LIKE THIS!!
I PROTECTED MY BOXERS WITH MY LIFE!! THAT'S GOT TO COUNT FOR SOMETHING!!
YUUJI... IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU GOTTA GET OFF YOUR CHEST... I'M HERE TO LISTEN...

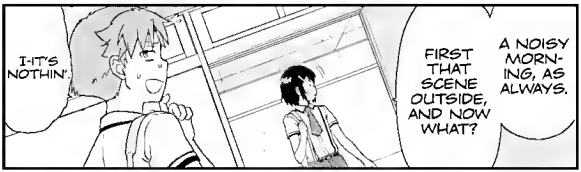

SHE TOOK MY PANTS, MAN!!
THIS IS ALL 'CAUSE SHOUKO SAW YOUR STUPID TEXT!

UH-HUH. I HEAR YOU.
YOUR NERVES ARE SO WRECKED THAT EVEN PUTTING ON BOXERS IS A STRUGGLE.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING!!

EVEN MISS KIRISHIMA WOULDN'T OVERREACT TO A TEXT BETWEEN DUDES.
GEEZ, YUUJI.

ALL I DID WAS ASK FOR AN ORDINARY FAVOR.
SUGGES-TIVE? WHAT DID YOU TEXT?
FRANKLY, YOUR TEXT WAS KINDA... SUGGES-TIVE.
OKAY, THEN.
KLAK
OH YEAH? TRY READING YOUR TEXT OUT LOUD.
I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME!
CAN I STAY OVER TO-NIGHT?
I WROTE ...

BWUH?! HUH?! WHY ARE YOU LEAVING WHEN YOU JUST GOT HERE?!
DOSH!
I'LL NEVER UNDER-STAND YOU!
...
D-DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS, AKIHISA!
YOU SHOULD WAIT UNTIL, UM... UNTIL YOU'RE AN ADULT!


A NOISY MORN-ING, AS ALWAYS.
FIRST THAT SCENE OUTSIDE, AND NOW WHAT?
I-IT'S NOTHIN'.

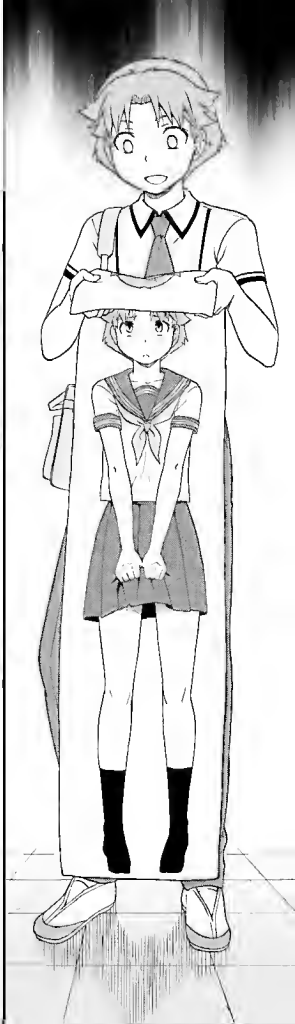
KEEPING MORE SECRETS FROM ME?
I FEEL A BIT LEFT OUT..
LISTEN TO THIS.
NOT EVEN NOON AND THIS IDIOT IS ALREADY SAYIN' THINGS THAT'LL GET HIM IN TROUBLE WITH THE MORALITY POLICE.

AKIHISA... HAVE YOU BEEN SAYING LEWD THINGS ALL MORNING?
N-NO! I'D NEVER BE SO MUTTSULINI-ISH!!
...RUDE.
MORN-ING, MUTT-SULINI.
WHAT'S UP WITH THE BAGS?
...JUST PILLOW-CASES.
PILLOW-CASES? AREN'T THOSE BAGS TOO BIG?
..NO, THEY'RE NOT.
SHAKE
SHAKE
HE BOTH DENY TOO MUCH WHEN HE'S HIDING THINGS.
SORRY. LEMME TAKE A LOOK-SEE.
SNATCH
...AH.

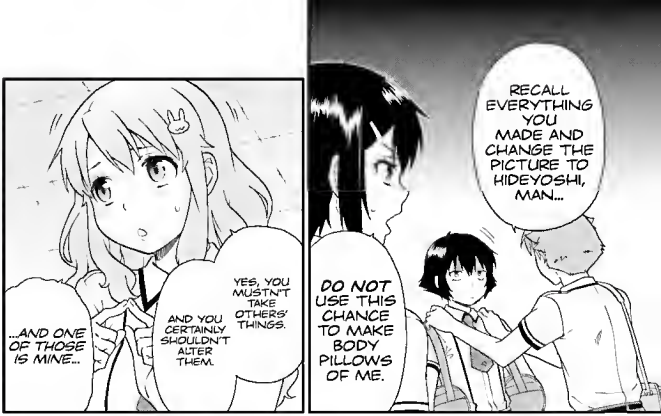
...JUST HUG PILLOW-CASES.
...WHAT THE...?

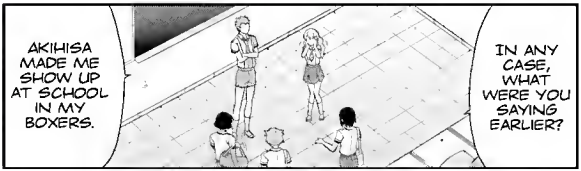
AND WHY AM I ON IT?!
THERE'S A BIG FREAKING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PILLOWS AND HUG PILLOWS!
JUST? JUST?!

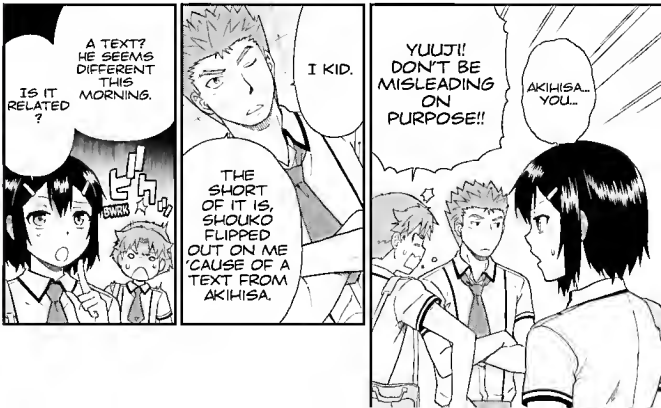
WHO THE HECK WOULD BE ENTHUSI-ASTIC OVER HUG PILLOWS OF ME?!
...BECAUSE OF PEOPLE KNOWN AS ENTHUSI-ASTS.



HUH? RARE FOR YOU TO STOP BY, KUBO.
PARDON ME. IS TSUCHIYA PRESENT?
IT'S ABOUT A PILLOW CASE.
YOU NEED MUTTSULINI?
WAN
WHISP
MUTTSULINI. YOU MAKE A DEAL WITH KUBO?
I JUST REMEMBERED AN ERRAND I MUST ATTEND TO. EXCUSE ME.
...FORGET ABOUT IT.
UGH... I'M CONFISCATING THOSE PILLOW CASES, 'KAY?
THAT CLOSET CAN'T HOLD HIM IN.
...HE'S BEEN A REGULAR SINCE CAMP.


RECALL EVERYTHING YOU MADE AND CHANGE THE PICTURE TO HIDEYOSHI, MAN...
DO NOT USE THIS CHANCE TO MAKE BODY PILLOWS OF ME.
YES, YOU MUST'NT TAKE OTHERS' THINGS.
AND YOU CERTAINLY SHOULDN'T ALTER THEM.
...AND ONE OF THOSE IS MINE...


AKIHISA MADE ME SHOW UP AT SCHOOL IN MY BOXERS.
IN ANY CASE, WHAT WERE YOU SAYING EARLIER?


A TEXT? HE SEEMS DIFFERENT THIS MORNING.
IS IT RELATED?
BWAH
I KID.
THE SHORT OF IT IS, SHOUKO FLIPPED OUT ON ME 'CAUSE OF A TEXT FROM AKIHISA.
YUUJI! DON'T BE MISLEADING ON PURPOSE!!
AKIHISA... YOU...

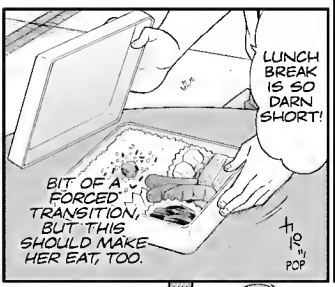
HE DOES HAVE MORE COLOR THIS MORNING.
HIS UNIFORM IS CRISP, AND HIS HAIR NEATLY COMBED.
WEIRD. HIS COMPLEXION IS ONE THING...
BUT HE'D NEVER IRON HIS UNIFORM.
...UN-AKIHISA-FUL.
S-SOMETIMES I JUST FEEL LIKE IT, YA KNOW?
UH-OH, THE BELL'S ABOUT TO RING!
BETTER SIT BEFORE IRON-MAN SHOWS UP!!
LATER, GATORS!!
TMP
TMP
FISHY
...

THROUGHOUT OUR FOUR MORNING CLASSES, I GOT TOLD THIS SEVEN TIMES.
YOSHII, GO SEE THE NURSE.
化学Ⅰ
CHEMISTRY I

REMINDING MYSELF OF THAT KEEPS ME FOCUSED.
WHY DOES EVERY-BODY GOTTA BE A JERK ABOUT IT...
IF I DON'T DO WELL ENOUGH ON EXAMS, I'M GONNA HAVE TO LIVE WITH MY CRAZY SISTER.
IS IT THAT FAINT SLATTERING FOR ME TO TAKE NOTES?

I JUST FIGURED I'D PAY ATTENTION IN CLASS.
NOTHING'S UP.
YOU'VE BEEN WEIRD TODAY.
WHAT'S UP, AKI?

GOOD GRIEF. WHAT A WORRY-WART--
LEMME TEST YOUR FORE-HEAD...
...FOR FEVER.
NOPE!! BLOCK!!
SWOOSH
YEEK!
FWIP
S-SORRY! IT'S BECAUSE REASONS!!
I WAS JUST CHECKING ON YOU!
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?!
WHAT REA-SONS?
GUH... UMMM...
THE WALLS MIGHT HAVE EYES, SO I GOTTA BE CAREFUL...
WHICH WOULD BE ABOUT MINUS 150 POINTS?
MINAMI MAY HAVE MEANT NOTHING BY THAT, BUT TO AKIRA THAT WOULD COUNT AS "MESSING AROUND"


LUNCH BREAK IS SO DARN SHORT!
BIT OF A FORCED TRANSITION, BUT THIS SHOULD MAKE HER EAT, TOO.
POP

NO ANSWER?!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
B-BETTER EAT LUNCH!

BAM
WHAT?! YOU HAVE A LUNCH?! ARE PIGS FLYING?!

I GOTTA EAT SOME-TIMES, OR I'D STARVE TO DEATH.
I'M ONLY HUMAN.
D-DON'T ACT SO STAR-TLED.
FRET
FRET

EHH?! AKIHISA HAS A LUNCH?!

I DIDN'T THINK THEY PAID THIS MUCH ATTENTION TO ME...
AKIHISA, WHY DO YOU HAVE A HOMEMADE LUNCH TODAY?

THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
YOU'VE NEVER MADE LUNCH BEFORE.

BUT THAT'S HOME-MADE.
YEAH. WHEN YOU DO EAT, YOU BUY PREMADE.

WHAT TO SAY...
?
BUT I WANNA AVOID AN EXPLANATION THAT COULD LEAD THEM TO THE EXISTENCE OF MY CRAZY SISTER.

FOR ONE SIMPLE REASON— TO FAKE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.

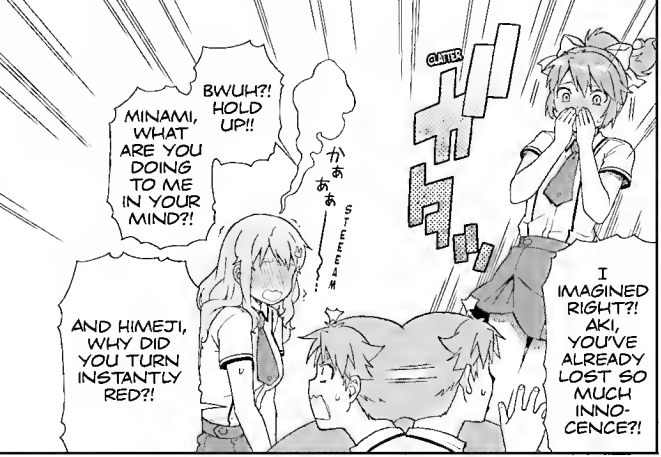
I SORTA MADE IT MYSELF.

SNAP! SHE'S ON THE ATTACK!
DID SOMEONE MAKE IT FOR YOU?

THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD COOK.
OUT WITH IT.
SOMEBODY MADE IT FOR YOU, RIGHT?
IT'S WELL MADE...
THE ONLY PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHO COULD MAKE THIS ARE...
LIAR.
THAT'S A LIE.
NOBODY TRUSTS ME.

WHY DO I FEEL LIKE THIS CONVERSATION IS JUST GETTING WEIRDER...
...EITHER SAKAMOTO OR TSUCHIYA.

SHEESH... I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOUR IMAGINATIONS.
BUT IF IT KEEPS THEM HAPPY, WHATEVER.


GLITTER
I IMAGINED RIGHT?! AKI, YOU'VE ALREADY LOST SO MUCH INNOCENCE?!
かあああ STEEEAM!!
BWUH?! HOLD UP!!
MINAMI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO ME IN YOUR MIND?!
AND HIMEJI, WHY DID YOU TURN INSTANTLY RED?!

OH MY GOD...
THIS MORNING YOU TEXTED SAKAMOTO ABOUT STAYING OVER.
THEN AKIHISA AND SAKAMOTO REALLY ARE...

...SO HE IS CHEATING ON ME WITH YOU.
UH, CHEATING? 'SCUSE ME?
MISS KIRISHIMA?! WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?!
..I JUST ARRIVED.

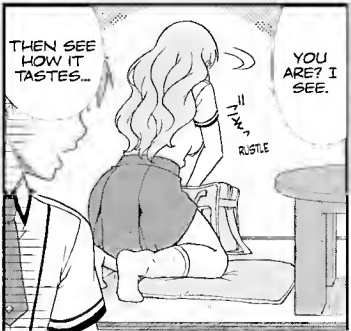
DID YOU NEED TO SPEAK WITH SAKAMOTO?
..I WANTED TO RETURN HIS SLACKS.
SOUNDS LIKE SHE CAME DOWN HERE JUST TO RETURN THOSE. SO WHY...
..DOES SHE HAVE THIS UNRELATED MURDEROUS AURA?
HM? SHOUKO?
SO YOU FINALLY CAME AROUND.
...CHEATERS MUST BE PUNISHED.

NO, YUUJI! YOU HAVE TO RUN!!
YEESH. NOW I FINALLY HAVE A WHOLE UNIFOR--
MIND LETTING GO, SHOUKO?
...YUUJI.
WHAT?
I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU.
O..KAY. THAT'S A GOOD THING TO TAKE TO HEART.
...SO I'LL ASK FIRST.

...BE A GOOD BOY AND GIVE ME YOUR BOXERS.
ZOOM

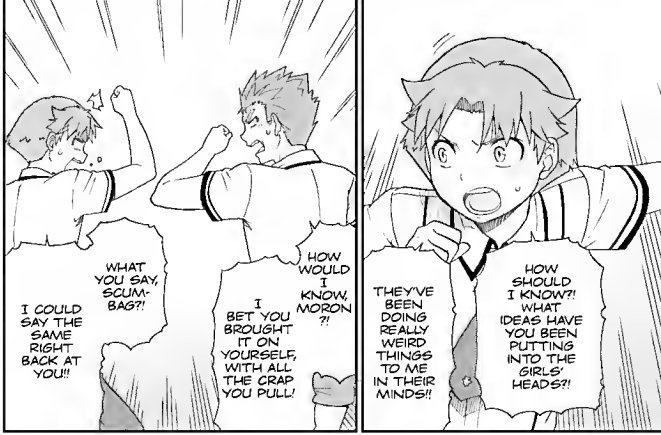
HM? WHAT'S UP, HIMEJI?
ARE YOU GOING TO EAT YOUR LUNCH?

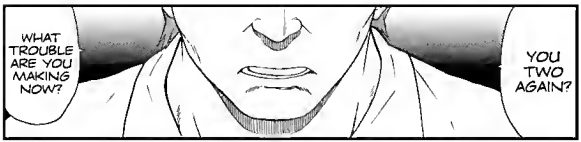
AHA HA! OH, YUUJI, THE DUMMY.
OH, AKIHISA?


THEN SEE HOW IT TASTES...
RUSTLE
YOU ARE? I SEE.

YUP! I MEAN, I MADE IT AND ALL.

...COMPARED TO THE COOKIES I MADE FROM SCRATCH YESTERDAY.
ZOOM
GET BACK HERE, AKI!! WHAT IS SAKAMOTO TO YOU?!
AKIHISA! PLEASE EAT THEM!!
THEY'RE MORE NUTRITIOUS THAN SAKAMOTO'S COOKING COULD EVER BE!!
...YUUJI. I WON'T LET YOU ELOPE.
DAMN YOU, AKIHISA! WHAT IDEAS DID YOU PUT IN SHOUKO'S HEAD?!
WHY IS SHE ATTACKING ME?!
TMP
TMP


HOW SHOULD I KNOW?! WHAT IDEAS HAVE YOU BEEN PUTTING INTO THE GIRLS' HEADS?!
THEY'VE BEEN DOING REALLY WEIRD THINGS TO ME IN THEIR MINDS!!
HOW WOULD I KNOW, MORON?!
I BET YOU BROUGHT IT ON YOURSELF, WITH ALL THE CRAP YOU PULL!
WHAT YOU SAY, SCUM-BAG?!
I COULD SAY THE SAME RIGHT BACK AT YOU!!


YOU TWO AGAIN?
WHAT TROUBLE ARE YOU MAKING NOW?

GUH!! IRON-MAN?!

...
...
HOW MUCH TIME CAN I BUY IF I BOWL THIS JERKWAD INTO IRONMAN...?
THOUGH THAT WAS A TEMPTING PLAN, WE HAVE MORE ENEMIES.
OUR PURSUERS ARE ANOTHER THREAT.
UNFORTUNATELY, SACRIFICING HIM ISN'T ENOUGH TO SURVIVE.
WHICH MEANS...
ALL RIGHT! WE DO THIS TOGETHER, AKIHISA!!
GOT IT! SURVIVAL IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY!!

AWAKEN
!!
POOMF
WHAP
SUMMON
!!
DUM-DUM
PWOOO

WHOOSH
KSY
EAT THIS, IRON-MA--

IT'S LIKE IT JUST DISAPPEARED.
I DON'T FEEL AN RESPONSE.
HUH? HOW?

IT'S NOT LIKE SUMMONING FIELD INTERFERENCE. THIS IS NEW--
AKIHISA!! SNAP OUT OF IT!!
BWEH ?

I'VE TOLD YOU TWO NOT TO SUMMON OUTSIDE OF SUMMONER TEST WARS...!!
WHOOSH
WHOA !!
..YUUJI, IF YOU CONTINUE TO RESIST, I'LL TAKE YOUR SHIRT, TOO.
I'LL FEED YOU MIZUKI'S COOKIES IF YOU FESS UP!!
STOP RIGHT THERE, AK!!!
I'LL BEAT THAT STUB-BORN-NESS OUT OF YOU!!
I KNOW !!
DASH
AKIHI-SA!!

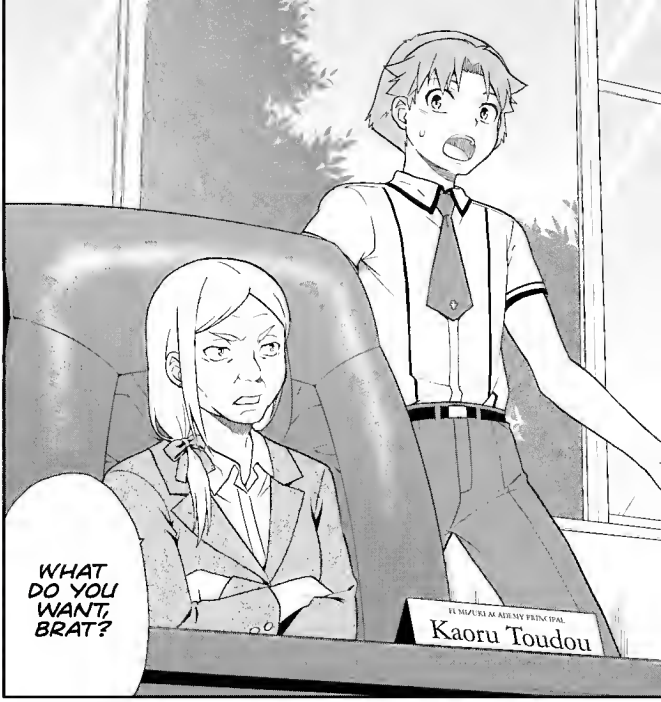
OKAY, AKIHISA, WE SPLIT UP ONCE WE GET DOWN THE STAIRS!!
I'LL PLAY DECOY. YOU HIDE BEHIND A PILLAR AND GET AWAY AFTER HE'S PAST YOU!!
ONE OF US HAS TO LIVE!!
THEN IT SHOULD BE YOU !!
I WON'T LET YOU SACRIFICE YOURSELF, YUUJ!!
I'LL BE THE DECOY!!
THERE'S NO TIME TO ARGUE!!
DAMN IT! YOU'VE FORCED MY HAND!!
GLOVE
Y-YUUJ!! YOU IDIOT!!
THE IDIOT! I KNEW HE-
TMP
TMP

IRONMAN! SHIMADA!! AKIHISA'S HIDING BEHIND THAT PILLAR!
I KNEW HE WOULD SELL ME OUT! DANG IT!!
ZOOM
CURSE YOU, YUUJI! I WON'T FORGET YOUR BETRAYAL!!
TCH! HOW DARE HE BEAT ME TO THE PUNCH!!
STOP, YOSHI! COME HAVE SOME TEA IN THE TUTORING ROOM!!
NOPE! PRETTY SURE YOU'RE GONNA SERVE SOME TEARS WITH THAT TEA!!

GUH...!! HE'S TOO FAST...!
WHAMP
END OF THE LINE, YOSHI--
WARGH ?!
HUH? WHY?
THAT PAIN... FEEDBACK FROM MY AVATAR?
KRK

SWEET!
NO TIME FOR CONFUSION. NOW'S MY CHANCE!!
I DIDN'T SUMMON IT BACK.
BUT HOW DID MY AVATAR SHOW UP?
WHOOSH
IT SAVED MY BUTT, BUT THAT'S TWO MISHAPS NOW. GOTTA WONDER.

WHEW. DID I LOSE HIM?
SOFAS AND A COFFEE TABLE, LIKE IN A RECEPTION ROOM.
THIS ROOM SEEMS FAMILIAR.
BOOKSHELVES CRAMMED FULL OF TECHNICAL BOOKS WITH WACKY TITLES.
PLUS...



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BAKA & TEST
SUMMON THE BEASTS

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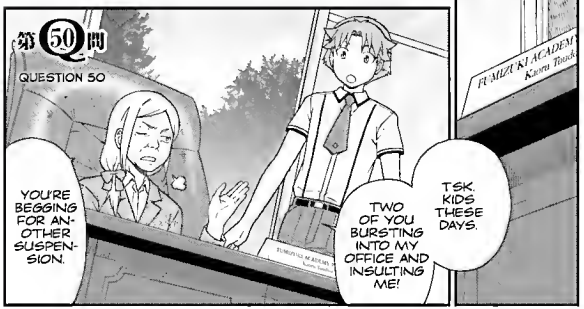
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QUESTION 50
FUMIZUKI ACADEMY
Kaoru Tsuda
TSK. KIDS THESE DAYS.
TWO OF YOU BURSTING INTO MY OFFICE AND INSULTING ME!
YOU'RE BEGGING FOR ANOTHER SUSPENSION.

AKIHISA? YOU HOLED UP IN HERE, TOO?
WAIT, WHAT?! TWO?
S-SORRY 'BOUT THAT, MA'AM...

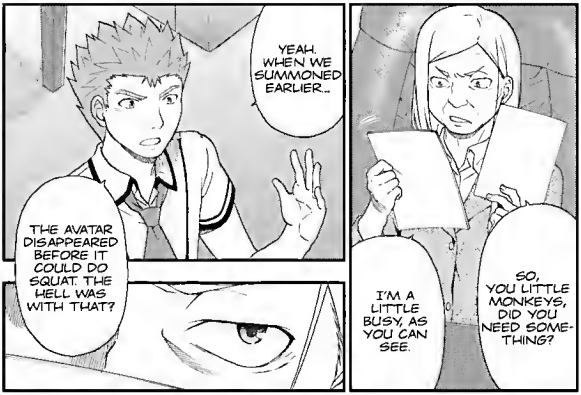
FIGURED THIS WOULD BE A GOOD HIDING PLACE.
YEAH, NOBODY'D EXPECT US TO HIDE IN THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE.
OH, YUUJI. DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE.
SHOO

QUESTION 50

第50問

POOOOM
THE VERY PRESENCE OF YOUR UGLY MUGS MAKES MY OFFICE FEEL DIRTY.
YOU BRATS CAN'T JUST BARGE IN HERE AS YOU PLEASE.
WHATEVER GAME YOU'RE PLAYING...
ME, I WAS JUST CONFUSED AS TO WHY THERE WAS A GHOST IN THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE.
DON'T LUMP ME IN WITH YOU, MR. CALL-THE-PRINCIPAL-BIZARRE-AND-HIDEOUS-AND-TOO-PAINFUL-TO-LOOK-AT.
MO-RON.
YUUJI, DID YOU SAY SOMETHING TO MAKE HER MAD?
...PERHAPS I SHOULD REMIND YOU BRATS WHO'S IN CHARGE OF THIS ACADEMY?
THE PRINCIPAL CAN'T HELP IT IF SHE LOOKS LIKE A GHOST.
THAT WAS RUDE, YUUJI.

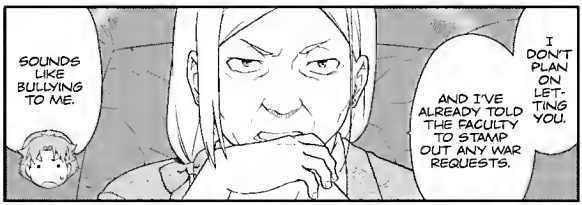
BESIDES, YOU'RE THE LAST PEOPLE I WANT TO HEAR TALKING ABOUT APPEARANCES.
YOU'RE LIKE A YOUNGER VERSION OF THOSE TSUNETSUNATSU BOYS.
THAT'S WAY OUTTA LINE, YOU OLD HAG!!


SO, YOU LITTLE MONKEYS, DID YOU NEED SOMETHING?
I'M A LITTLE BUSY, AS YOU CAN SEE.
YEAH. WHEN WE SUMMONED EARLIER...
THE AVATAR DISAPPEARED BEFORE IT COULD DO SQUAT. THE HELL WAS WITH THAT?

IT'S PART OF A NEW BUG.
BUT I SUPPOSE SPEAKING POLITELY TO ELDERS IS BEYOND SUCH IDIOTS.
YOU'VE QUITE THE MOUTH ON YOU.
CLAP

BEEP
DID IT MALFUNCTION BECAUSE HIS GRADES HAVE GOTTEN BETTER?
THE PLATINUM BANGLES MALFUNCTION IF THEIR USERS HAVE TOO HIGH OF A SCORE.
A BUG? WITH MY PLATINUM BANGLE?
NO. WITH THE SYSTEM ITSELF.
OH YEAH, THERE WAS THAT MAINTENANCE AND STUFF.
ARE THINGS OKAY?
IT'S NOT GOING WELL, BUT IT'S NOTHING FOR YOU RASCALS TO FRET OVER.
IT JUST NEEDS SOME FINE-TUNING. SHOULD BE SPIC AND SPAN BY SUMMER BREAK.
GOOD, GOOD. WAIT, THAT WOULD MEAN...
SO WHEN OUR PENALTY IS LIFTED SOON...

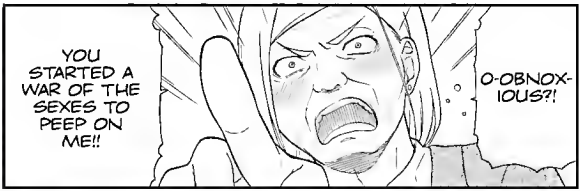
JUST WHEN THE THREE-MONTH PENALTY STOPPING US FROM DECLARING WARS IS ABOUT TO BE LIFTED, WE HAVE TO WAIT EVEN LONGER?!
YOU'LL HAVE TO PUT THE BRAKES ON UNTIL NEXT SEMESTER.
WHAT?! NO WAY!!
AIN'T THERE ANY WAY AROUND THAT?
THE SYSTEM CAN BE USED, BUT...


I DON'T PLAN ON LETTING YOU.
AND I'VE ALREADY TOLD THE FACULTY TO STAMP OUT ANY WAR REQUESTS.
SOUNDS LIKE BULLYING TO ME.

HOW COULD YOU?!
SOUNDS LIKE IT? IT IS BULLYING.
HOW COULD I? CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF?
WHY WOULD I KNOW ?!

TH-THIS OLD HAG...!! CAN SHE NOT HOLD A CIVIL CONVERSATION?!
MORE THAN JUST YOUR FACES AND GRADES.
MY REASON IS SIMPLE-- YOU KIDS AND YOUR ANTICS ANNOY ME.
NOT A VERY NICE ONE, EITHER.
IS THAT BLOCK ABOVE YOUR NECK MERELY A DECORATION?
HOW PERCEPTIVE OF YOU.
DON'T HER INSULTS PISS YOU OFF?
COOL IT, AKIHISA.
PATIENCE. PATIENCE. PATIENCE. WHATEVER SHE SAYS.
...OKAY I'LL GRIN AND BEAR IT.
PATIENCE, BRO.
WE SHOULD TRY BUTTERING HER UP TO GET THE WARS GOING AGAIN.
WE ALREADY CAN'T DECLARE WAR, ANYWAY.
THEY DO, BUT POUTING AIN'T GONNA HELP.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU FELL SO HARD FOR ME...
...THAT YOU ROPED YOUR ENTIRE GRADE INTO PEEPING.
BLUSH
SHUT IT, YOU OBNOXIOUS OLD HAG!!

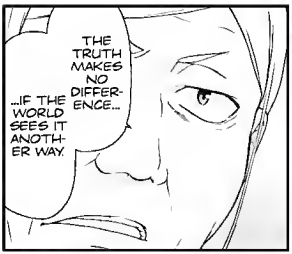

O-OBNOXIOUS?!
YOU STARTED A WAR OF THE SEXES TO PEEP ON ME!!

YOU CAN SAY AKIHISA'S UGLY AND DUMB AND FLAMING, AND THAT'S TRUE, SO I DON'T CARE...
BUT I AIN'T PUTTING UP WITH THIS CRAP ABOUT ME HAVING A HARD-ON FOR AN OLD HAG!! TAKE THAT BACK!!
YEAH! TAKE IT BACK!!
IT'S ONLY YUUJI WHO'S UGLY AND DUMB AND HAS A HARD-ON FOR OLD HAGS!!

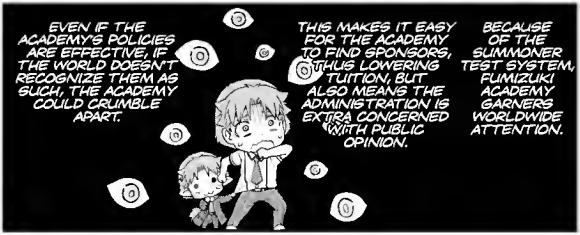
BACK TO OUR STORY

I'M BARRING YOU ALL FROM WARS BECAUSE YOU BRATS HAVE MISSED THE ENTIRE POINT OF THE SUMMONER TEST SYSTEM.
I THINK YOU'VE MISUNDERSTOOD.

HAVE YOU HONESTLY BEEN STUDYING?
WRECK SCHOOL PROPERTY. BLOW UP THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. TURN YOUR ENTIRE GRADE INTO PEEPING TOMS.
YET WHAT DO YOU BRATS DO?
THE SYSTEM IS MEANT TO MOTIVATE YOU TO STUDY.


THE TRUTH MAKES NO DIFFERENCE...
...IF THE WORLD SEES IT ANOTHER WAY.

BUT OUR GRADES HAVE GONE UP.
HELL, WE STILL HAVE AFTER-SCHOOL LESSONS.


EVEN IF THE ACADEMY'S POLICIES ARE EFFECTIVE, IF THE WORLD DOESN'T RECOGNIZE THEM AS SUCH, THE ACADEMY COULD CRUMBLE APART.
THIS MAKES IT EASY FOR THE ACADEMY TO FIND SPONSORS, THUS LOWERING TUITION, BUT ALSO MEANS THE ADMINISTRATION IS EXTRA CONCERNED WITH PUBLIC OPINION.
BECAUSE OF THE SUMMONER TEST SYSTEM, FUMIZUKI ACADEMY GARNERS WORLDWIDE ATTENTION.

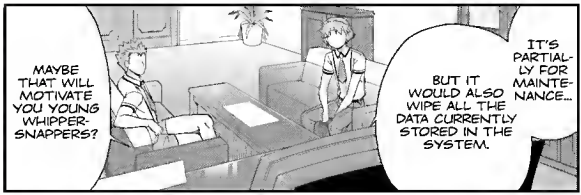
NEXT SEMESTER'S A BLINK AWAY.
THERE'S ONLY ONE MORE WEEK UNTIL EXAMS AND THEN SUMMER BREAK.

SO NO WAR FOR YOU.
IT'S NOT FOREVER.

SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYIN' IS THIS...

?
SO YOU'RE TELLING US WE BETTER GET GOOD GRADES ON OUR TESTS 'CAUSE WE CAN'T GO TO WAR.
PRECISELY AS QUICK ON THE DRAW AS ALWAYS.
...BUT REALLY THIS IS TO FORCE US TO FOCUS ON EXAMS.
THE SYSTEM IS BUGGY, AND YOU'RE USING MAINTENANCE AS A PUBLIC COVER-UP...
TH-THAT'S CRIMINAL!!
NO WARS AND TAKING AWAY FROM OUR SUMMER BREAK?!
MAYBE I SHOULD MAKE YOU ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL IF YOUR GRADES DON'T IMPROVE.
ALTHOUGH THAT MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU BRATS STUDY...
I SUPPOSE I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR MISGIVINGS.
I WAS GOING TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT TOMORROW ...
BUT IT'S EASY TO IMAGINE THE OTHER STUDENTS PROTESTING, TOO.

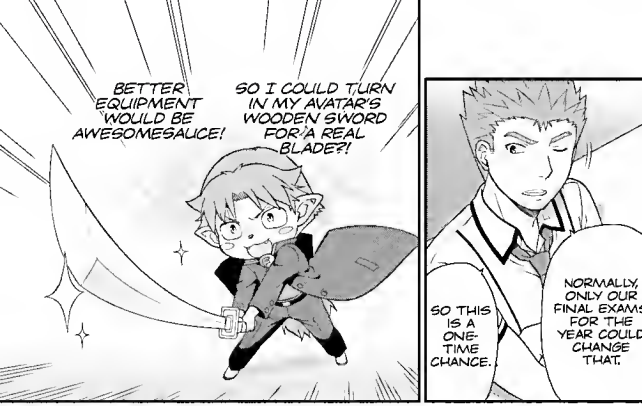
HOW DOES THAT MAKE UP FOR IT?
RESET THE SYSTEM?
SO I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION AND RESET THE SYSTEM TO MAKE UP FOR IT.

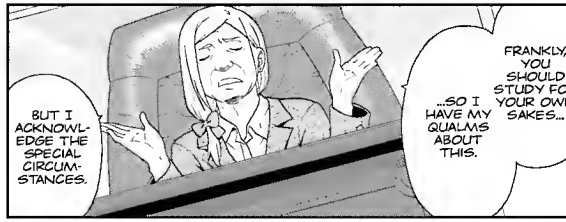

MAYBE THAT WILL MOTIVATE YOU YOUNG WHIPPER-SNAPPERS?
BUT IT WOULD ALSO WIPE ALL THE DATA CURRENTLY STORED IN THE SYSTEM.
IT'S PARTIAL-LY FOR MAINTE-NANCE...

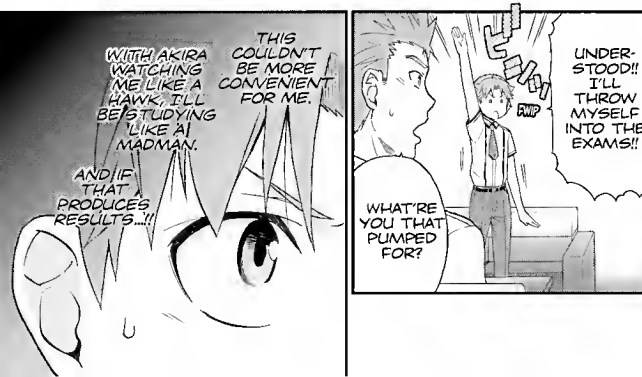
WHAT?! FOR REAL?!
WHICH MEANS THAT WE COULD END UP WITH BETTER EQUIPMENT DEPENDING ON OUR SEMESTER EXAM GRADES.

OHO... NOT A BAD DEAL.

I MEAN TO SAY THAT YOUR AVATAR'S EQUIPMENT WOULD ALSO BE RESET.
YOSHII, YOU LOOK LOST.


BETTER EQUIPMENT WOULD BE AWESOMESAUCE!
SO I COULD TURN IN MY AVATAR'S WOODEN SWORD FOR A REAL BLADE?!
SO THIS IS A ONE-TIME CHANCE.
NORMALLY, ONLY OUR FINAL EXAMS FOR THE YEAR COULD CHANGE THAT.


BUT I ACKNOWLEDGE THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.
...SO I HAVE MY QUALMS ABOUT THIS.
FRANKLY, YOU SHOULD STUDY FOR YOUR OWN SAKES...


THIS COULDN'T BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR ME.
WITH AKIRA WATCHING ME LIKE A HAWK, I'LL BE STUDYING LIKE A MADMAN.
AND IF THAT PRODUCES RESULTS...!!!
UNDERSTOOD!! I'LL THROW MYSELF INTO THE EXAMS!!
PUMP
WHAT'RE YOU THAT PUMPED FOR?

LET'S DO THIS THING, YUUJI!!
IF WE GET GOOD GRADES ON EXAMS...
WE CAN OVER-THROW CLASS A NEXT SEMESTER FOR SURE!!
R-RIGHT. SURE.
?
GOOD. EVEN THE IDIOT UNDER-STANDS.
WE'RE DONE HERE. GET OUT OF MY OFFICE.
TNA
TNA

YES, MA'AM! EXCUSE US!
W-WAIT, AKIHISA !!
IF WE GO OUT THERE, THEY'LL --

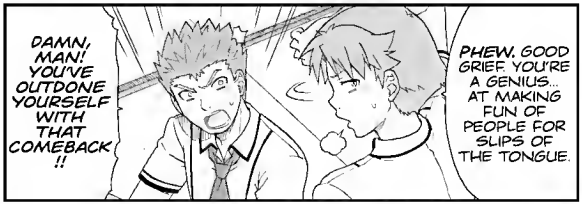
WELCOME BACK.
2-F
AFTER SCHOOL
YUUJI, GOT A SEC?
WHAT'S UP, AKIHISA?
CAN I STAY OVER TONIGHT?
I WAS HOPING YOU COULD HELP ME STUDY.

DUDE.. DID YOU HEAR THAT?
I HEARD IT, AND I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
MURMUR
OH MY GOD, DO YOU THINK THEY..?
OH YEAH. UNBELIEVABLE. YOSHII AND SAKAMOTO..

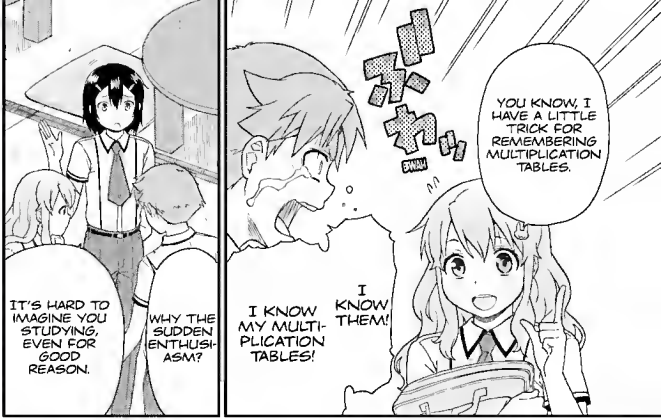
...ACTUALLY KNOW ABOUT SEMESTER EXAMS...
...I'VE GOT SOME WORDS FOR THEM, BUT I'LL LET IT SLIDE TODAY. YOU GUYS GOT OFF LUCKY.

HELP YOU STUDY?
GOOD GOD. CAN YOU NOT EVEN REMEMBER YOUR MULTIPLES OF SEVEN?
HOLD UP!! I NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT MULTIPLICATION TABLES!!
I CAN EVEN MULTIPLY FRACTIONS, GOT IT?!

IZZAT SO? SO YOU'RE HAVIN' TROUBLE WITH FINDING THE AREA OF TRIANGLES, THEN.
THAT'S BASE TIMES HEIGHT !!
CAN YOU QUIT TREATING ME LIKE A TOTAL IDIOT?!
THERE YA GO. GOOD START, AKIHISA.
JUST REMEMBER TO DIVIDE BY TWO AND YOU'RE GOLDEN.


PHEW. GOOD GRIEF. YOU'RE A GENIUS... AT MAKING FUN OF PEOPLE FOR SLIPS OF THE TONGUE.
DAMN, MAN! YOU'VE OUTDONE YOURSELF WITH THAT COMEBACK !!

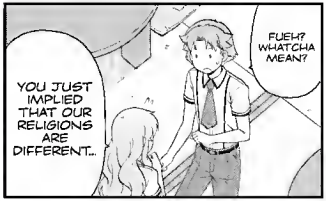
I COULD GET IT RIGHT ON A TEST!
D-DANG IT! I DON'T FORGOT THAT PART CAUSE I WAS SHOUTING!
UM, AKIHISA ?
WHAT'S UP, HIMEJI?


IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE YOU STUDYING, EVEN FOR GOOD REASON.
WHY THE SUDDEN ENTHUSIASM?
I KNOW MY MULTIPLICATION TABLES!
I KNOW THEM!
YOU KNOW, I HAVE A LITTLE TRICK FOR REMEMBERING MULTIPLICATION TABLES.
SWISH

IT'S ABOUT TIME I GRADUATED FROM THE TRAINING SWORD AND TRENCH COAT.
AND I WANNA LIVE IT UP DURING VACATION, SO I FIGURED I'D AT LEAST TRY.
THEY'RE GONNA DO A SYSTEM RESET, AND I DON'T WANNA GET STUCK IN SUMMER SCHOOL.
IT'S, YOU KNOW, LIKE YUUJI EXPLAINED.
...UNAKIHISAFUL.
YEAH, I DON'T SEE THOSE REASONS PUSHING AKI TO STUDY.
SWISH

UM, AKIHISA? I-IF YOU'D LIKE... I COULD TUTOR YOU.
EH? YOU WANT TO COME TO MY HOME?
PLUS I'M GOING TO YUUJI'S. NORMALLY, I'D LOVE TO TAKE HER UP ON THAT, BUT TODAY ISN'T NORMAL.
I COULDN'T STAY OVER AT YOUR PLACE, SO...
H-HOLD ON.
I-I HAVE TO TELL MY FATHER NOT TO DRINK...
GLANCE
UM... HYPO-THETI-CALLY...
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DISCUSS WITH MY FATHER, I DON'T WANT HIM TO BE DRUNK.
SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DISCUSS WITH HER DAD?

CON-
VERT
?
AKIHISA, YOUR FAMILY ISN'T BUDDHIST?


FUEH? WHATCHA MEAN?
YOU JUST IMPLIED THAT OUR RELIGIONS ARE DIFFERENT..

YOU'RE SWITCH-ING?!
THEN I'LL GO CONVERT HIM!!
HE STILL WANTS TO MAKE HER SWITCH SCHOOLS?! IF ONLY WE COULD HAVE GOTTEN NORMAL DESKS!!

てんこう?
"CONVERT"?
SOMETIMES THAT GIRL MAKES CRAZY, AKIHISAFUL CONNEC-TIONS.
INDEED. AS THEY SAY, ONE ROTTEN APPLE SPOILS THE BARREL
..BIRDS OF A FEATH-ER

UHHH, AHA HA, THE THING IS...
TROU-BLE AT HOME?

MOVING ON. WHY ARE YOU SO STUCK ON STAYING AT MY PLACE?

HUH? HONEST?
EH, IT'LL HELP US IN THE NEXT WAR. I GUESS I CAN HELP YOU STUDY.

DON'T LIE.
I FINALLY SEE THE BENEFITS OF STU-
ALREADY?! I BARELY EVEN OPENED MY MOUTH!!

BUT WE'RE DOIN' IT AT YOUR PLACE.
EASIER THAT WAY.

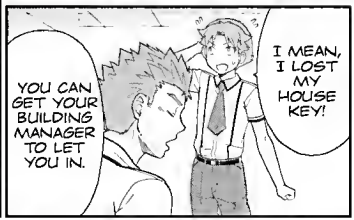
?
SHUDDER
I CAN'T BRING YOU HOME TO MY MOM...

'C-CAUSE... IT'S GETTING REMOD-ELED!

A BAD IDEA? HOW COME?
DUDE, WE CAN'T USE MY PLACE!
THAT'S A REEEALLY BAD IDEA TODAY!!

LIAR.
WE MADE PLANS TO GAME AT YOUR PLACE TODAY.

I MEAN, THE BUILDING BURNED DOWN!
YOU HAD TIME TO MAKE A LUNCH AND IRON YOUR SHIRT WHILE YOUR PLACE BURNED DOWN AROUND YOU?
LOOK OUT, WE'VE GOT A BADASS OVER HERE.

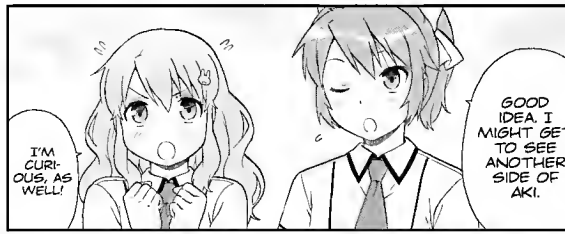

I MEAN, I LOST MY HOUSE KEY!
YOU CAN GET YOUR BUILDING MANAGER TO LET YOU IN.

NO GETTING PAST HIM. GUESS I'LL GO HOME TO MY CRAZY SISTER THIS TIME...
GUH...

GIVE IT A REST. YOU'RE A TERRIBLE LIAR.
UHHH, ERRR, AND, AND...

HALT, AKIHISA!
FINE. I'LL JUST GO HOME...
GWSH

W-WAIT, YUUJI?! WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING?!
ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO FIND OUT.
WHAT WOULD AN IDIOT HAVE TO HIDE... INTERESTING.
WHAT ARE YOU SO DESPERATE TO HIDE?
BWEH?! N-NOTHING!!


I'M CURIOUS, AS WELL!
GOOD IDEA. I MIGHT GET TO SEE ANOTHER SIDE OF AKI.

OH, SNAP! WHY DO I GET THE FEELING THIS IS GOING DOWNHILL FAST?!

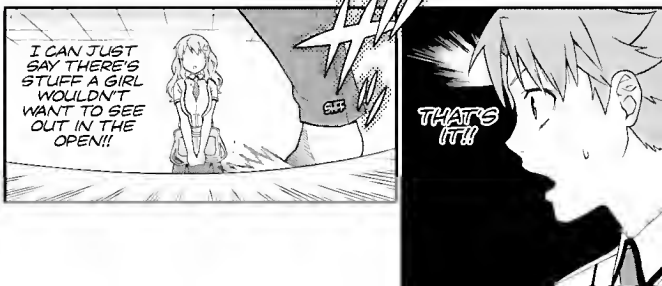
DRAMA CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE OVER FOR THE SEMESTER. I'LL GO AS WELL.
...HOUSE SEARCH.

OH, I CAN HELP CLEAN!
THE MESS COULD DETRACT FROM YOUR STUDIES.

YOU CAN'T COME OVER! NOT TODAY!!
UH, THE PLACE IS A MESS!!

O-OH, HIMEJI...!
SHE HAS THE HEART OF AN ANGEL...!!

IF I DON'T THINK QUICK, MY ANGEL WILL COME FACE-TO-FACE WITH MY ERICALLY ECCENTRIC DEVIL.
WHAT DO I DO? WHAT DO I DO?


THAT'S IT!!
I CAN JUST SAY THERE'S STUFF A GIRL WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE OUT IN THE OPEN!!
SLAP

RATS!! I ONLY PIQUED MUTT-SULINI'S INTEREST !!
...I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.
BUT MY LIVING ROOM IS BURIED IN OVER TWO THOU-SAND NAUGHTY BOOKS!
ALL RIGHT. SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE ALL IN.
LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD.
YEAH!
DRAG
DRAG
NOOO !!
TO BE CONTINUED

BAKA & TEST
SUMMON THE BEASTS

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QUESTION 51
WHAT-CHA THINK WE'LL FIND?
AKIHISA RARELY HIDES ANYTHING, UNLIKE MUTT-SULINI.
I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO FIND OUT.
...I GOT NOTHIN' TO HIDE.

WHY, YOU'RE SO ACCUS-TOMED TO LYING ...
...THAT YOU DO IT WITHOUT BATTING AN EYE.
...!!
SNAKE
SNAKE
SHOOM

GUNT
D'YOU LIKE PANTIES, MUTT-SULINI?
...HECK NO.

WHAT COULD IT BE?
WHAT WOULD AKIHISA HAVE TO HIDE?
AFTER THE BIG PEEPING TOM INCIDENT...
I DOUBT HE'D BOTHER TO HIDE DIRTY MAGS.
YOU HAVE A POINT.. CONSIDERING THE HOME-MADE LUNCH...
...AND THE IRONED UNIFORM, ONE COULD GUESS THAT...

HE GOT A GIRL?
...?!

QUESTION 51
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A-AKI!! EXPLAIN YOUR-SELF!!
H-HRM... A LIFE PARTNER... AS HIS FRIEND, CONGRAT-ULATIONS ARE IN ORDER, BUT...
IT'S SO SUDDEN... OR IS THIS JEALOUSY ...?
... TRAI-TOR. ..!!
I DIDN'T EVEN SAY ANY-THING...
PLEASE CALM DOWN. AKIHISA WOULD NEVER HIDE A GIRLFRIEND FROM US.
I SIMPLY WON'T BELIEVE IT.
OH, HIMEJI! I KNEW YOU WERE DIFFERENT FROM THESE JERKS!
I TRUST AKIHISA.
RIGHT, AKIHI-SA ?

REALLY. HER SMILE IS TERRIFYINGLY DIFFERENT FROM THESE JERKS!...
YOU WOULDN'T HIDE ANY TRAMPS FROM US.. WOULD YOU...?

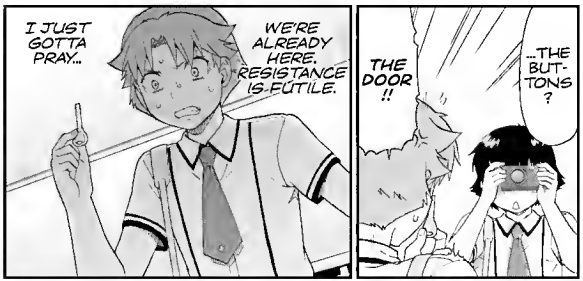
NO WAY.
C'MON, MAN. THE KEY.
ANY-HOW, WE'LL SEE ONCE WE'RE IN.

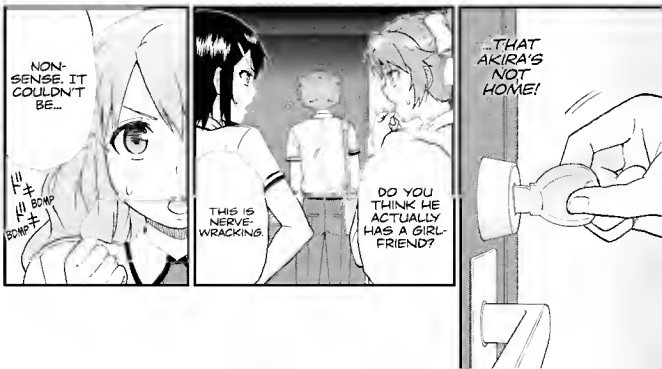
...GIVE ME SOME PLEADING PUPPY DOG EYES.

LEAVE ME OUT OF THIS!!
FOR A REVERSIBLE HUG PILLOW-CASE WITH HIDEYOSHI ON THE BACK?!

W-WAIT, DID WE SKIP A FEW SCENES THERE?!
SO, YOU WANNA GO THROUGH THE TRAUMA OF WEARING ONLY A SHIRT IN PUBLIC?

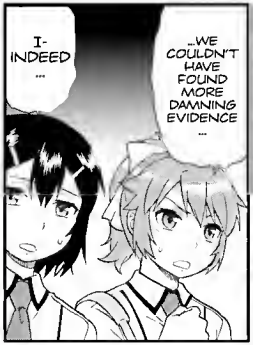
YOU'VE BEEN REALLY WEIRD LATELY, HIMEJI!!
FINE! I'LL OPEN UP!! I'LL OPEN UP!!
FIDGET モじ
FIDGET モじ
TSUCHIYA? CAN YOU DO IT WITH THE TOP TWO BUTTONS OPENED...?

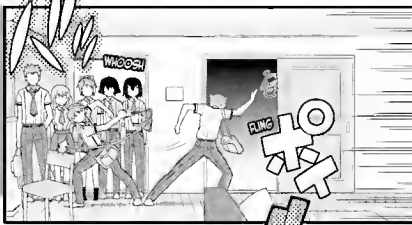

I JUST GOTTA PRAY...
WE'RE ALREADY HERE. RESISTANCE IS FUTILE.
THE DOOR !!
...THE BUT-TONS ?


NON-SENSE. IT COULDN'T BE...
ドキ BOMP ドキ BOMP
THIS IS NERVE-WRACKING.
DO YOU THINK HE ACTUALLY HAS A GIRL-FRIEND?
...THAT AKIRA'S NOT HOME!

...ARE GONE!!
WOO-HOO! SHE'S OUT!!
HER SHOES...
CREAK
KI-CHAK
COME ON IN.
...

DRY YOUR BRAS IN THE BATHROOM, LADY!!
UNEX-PLAINABLE EVIDENCE ALREADY?!


I-INDEED ...
...WE COULDN'T HAVE FOUND MORE DAMNING EVIDENCE ...


WHOOSH
FLING

SLAM

HUH? WHA?
OH, AKIHISA. YOU'RE SO SILLY.
I-I CAN EXPLAIN !!
...SO JEAL-OUS I COULD KILL YOU...!!
I-I CAN'T COVER THIS UP ANYMORE!
SHE'S IN DENIAL!!
YOU NEED TO BUY BRAS IN YOUR PROPER SIZE!
ONE OF AKIRA'S MAKEUP PADS?
HM? WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S NOT MINE, HIMEJI!!

FISH CAKE ?!
YOU LEFT YOUR FISH CAKE OUT.
SHE'S ON ANOTHER LEVEL ENTIRELY! WHAT IN THE WORLD DO HER FOLKS EAT?
O-ONLY HIMEJI !!
HIC, HIC...
BWEH?! WHY ARE YOU CRYING?!
SHI- TAAARE...
...
SOME-THING WRONG WITH THAT LUNCH ...?
H-HIMEJI ...?
HEALTHY WOMAN
ヘルシー
女子弁当
ALL THE VEGGIES, NONE OF THE CALORIES!
A LUNCH SET FOR WOMEN?

PHEW.. I GUESS I GOTTA COME OUT WITH IT.
THE TRUTH IS, MY SISTER IS VISITING.
HOLD UP! YOU CAN IGNORE UNDER-WEAR AND MAKEUP STUFF...
BUT NOT A GIRLY LUNCH ?!
I-I CAN'T DENY IT ANY LONGER ...
D-DUH! NO WAY WOULD AKI HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND!
...JUMPED THE GUN.
THAT'S A RELIEF.
I'M NOT THANKING HIM.
YOU HAVE A SISTER?
THANK GOD.
ANY-HOO, THAT'S WHY I SEEM ALL TO-GETHER TODAY.
GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU, GUYS?
NOW GO HOME.

W-WHAT'S UP, YUUJI?
I ALREADY KNEW YOU HAD A SISTER.
WHY IS THAT ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU AVOID YOUR APART-MENT?

NOT YET, AKIHI-SA.
TCH! THIS WANNABE DETECTIVE IS ONTO ME!

IT IS DUBI-OUS.
OH, THAT'S A GOOD QUES-TION.
IS HE HIDING SOME-THING ELSE?
NOD NOD

YOU'LL FEEL BETTER WITH IT OFF YOUR CHEST.
GOT IT?

I SHOULD HAVE JUST PUT UP WITH AKIRA ...!!
GUH...! IF I'D KNOWN THIS WOULD HAPPEN I'D NEVER HAVE BROUGHT UP STAYING OVER

...GOTTA MEET HER.
YES. I'D LOVE TO MEET HER.
WE'RE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO MY WORST NIGHTMARE!
SO I DIDN'T WANNA COME HOME ...
...PRETTY ECCENTRIC... SHE KINDA HAS NO SENSE...
THE THING IS... MY SISTER'S, UH...
SO IT'S TOUGH TO BE AROUND HER AND THERE'D BE ALL KINDS OF NEGATIVE POINTS...
I-IF AKI SAYS SHE HAS NO SENSE, HOW BAD IS IT...?
MY WORD... I'M TERRIFIED, YET INTRIGUED ...
HEY, NOW. COME ON, GUYS. WE SHOULDN'T STICK OUR NOSES INTO FAMILY AFFAIRS.
SMACK
EVERY-BODY'S GOT A SISTER OR MOTHER THEY WAN-NA HIDE AWAY.
IT'S JUST THE WAY OF THE WORLD.
Y-YUUJI...! THANKS ...
ほぁぁぁぁ SUMMER

HUH? SERIOUSLY? WHAT'S UP WITH THIS TIMING? IS THIS FICTION?
HM...? AKI'S HOME?
KA-CHAK
OHHH CRAP! SH-SHE'S BACK! EVERYBODY EVACUATE--
I-I'M SO NERVOUS...
W-WILL I MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION...?
NO! YOU CAN'T MEET HER!!
PLEASE, AKIRA...! I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO SAY HI LIKE A NORMAL PERSON...
JUST PLEASE, PLEASE BE WEARING ACTUAL CLOTHES...!!

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TH-THANK YOU...
OH, MY. GUESTS? WELCOME TO OUR HOME.
IT'S A SMALL PLACE, BUT STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE.
OH, I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T INTRO-DUCE MYSELF.
I'M AKIRA YOSHII.
THANK YOU FOR BEING SO NICE TO MY CLUMSY BABY BROTHER.
P-PERFECT...! SHE'S ACTING LIKE A NORMAL SISTER.
I CAN KEEP THEM IN THE DARK!!
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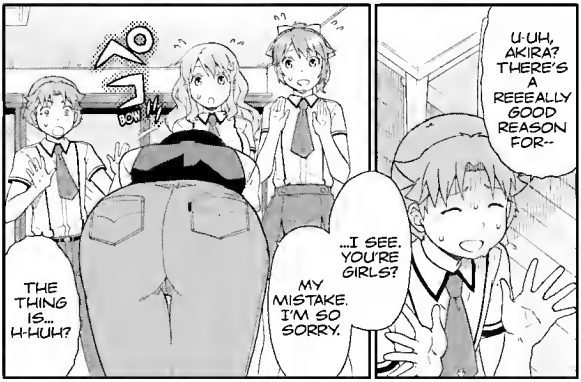
BOW
N-NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M YUUJI SAKAMOTO, FROM AKIHISA'S CLASS.
I'M KOUTA TSUCHI-YA.
HAPPY TO MEET YOU, YUUJI, KOUTA.

AHA HA HA... SH-SHE'S SO NORMAL, YEAH?
MEAN-WHILE, I... I'M STUCK WITH...!!
YOU'RE LUCKY YOU CAN CALL THIS ECCENTRIC.
OI, AKIHISA. SHE'S NORMAL!
MY NAME IS HIDE-YOSHI KINOSHI-TA.
SOOO YOU CAN GO HOME NOW.
...!!
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU, HIDEYOSHI.
YES, YOU'RE A BOY.
I'M NOT A G--
PEOPLE OFTEN MAKE THIS MISTAKE WHEN FIRST MEETING ME, BUT..

Y-YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON WHO'S KNOWN MY GENDER AT FIRST SIGHT!
OF COURSE I COULD TELL! AFTER ALL...
MY STUPID, UGLY, WORTHLESS BROTHER...
..COULD NEVER MAKE ANY FEMALE FRIENDS!
THAT'S A TERRIBLE THING TO BE SO CONFIDENT OF.
THESE TWO ARE BOYS AS WELL, CORRECT?
?!
W-WHOA NOW, AKIRA!!
DON'T BE RUDE TO MY GUESTS!!
THESE THREE ARE ALL GIRLS!!
I'M A BOY!!

SHE THINKS JUST HOLDING HANDS IS INAPPROPRIATE... I GOTTA EXPLAIN THIS AWAY!
GWAH! D:-DANGER!!
SHUDDER
...GIRLS...?
YOU'VE BEEN BRINGING GIRLS INTO THE APARTMENT...?

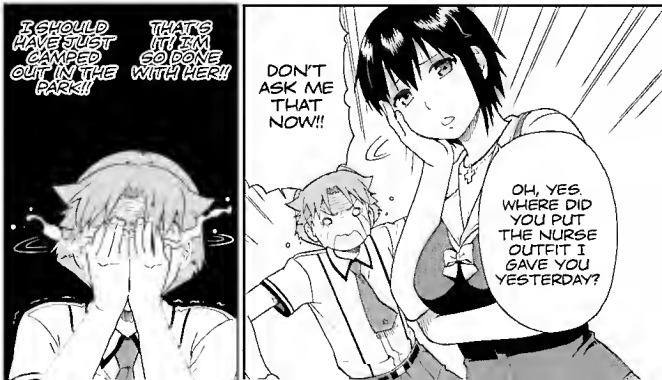

U-UH, AKIRA? THERE'S A REEEALLY GOOD REASON FOR--
...I SEE. YOU'RE GIRLS?
MY MISTAKE. I'M SO SORRY.
THE THING IS... H-HUH?

IS SOME-THING THE MAT-TER, AKI?
N-NO... I JUST THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE MAD..

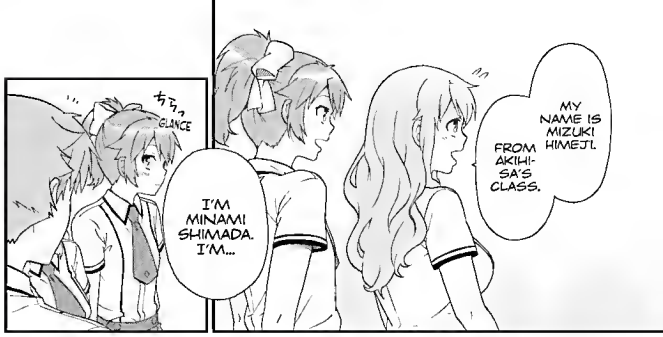
UH, YEAH?
BY THE WAY, AKI.
I GUESS IT IS PRETTY NORMAL TO HAVE FRIENDS COME OVER.
HUH? I WAS WORRIED FOR NOTHING? WHEW
?
WHY WOULD I BE MAD?
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
SO THAT'S IT. SHE WANTS TO DRIVE ME TO SUICIDE...
...WE'LL HAVE TO PLAY DOCTOR TOMORROW INSTEAD OF TODAY, OKAY?
SINCE YOU HAVE SO MANY GUESTS OVER..
DANG IT! SHE IS MAD!!
I WOULDN'T DO THAT OVER MY DEAD BODY, GOT IT?!
DON'T MAKE IT SOUND LIKE I WANNA DO WEIRD THINGS WITH MY BIOLOGICAL SISTER!!
W-WHAT GIVES, AKIRA?!

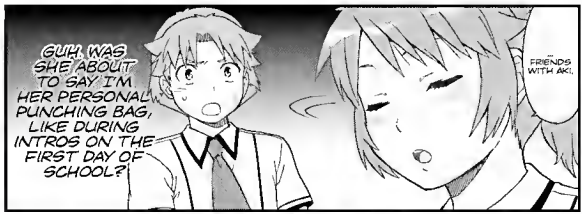
NUUOOO! HERE COME THE MIX-UPS!!
IT'S ILLEGAL TO DO THAT WITH YOUR SISTER, YOU KNOW..?
STAGGER
A-AKIHISA... "PLAYING DOCTOR"... WITH YOUR SISTER?

WHY ARE YOU SHOUT-ING, AKI?
?
AKIRA! YOU CAN LECTURE ME ALL YOU WANT LATER!!
JUST COR-RECT WHAT YOU SAID!!


I SHOULD HAVE JUST CAMPED OUT IN THE PARK!!
THAT'S IT! I'M SO DONE WITH HER!!
DON'T ASK ME THAT NOW!!
OH, YES. WHERE DID YOU PUT THE NURSE OUTFIT I GAVE YOU YESTERDAY?

GAAAAH!! I HATE YOU!!!
...MAKE THAT 200.
150?! THAT'S TOO HIGH! I HADN'T EVEN DONE ANYTHING YET!!
ALSO, YOU LOSE 150 POINTS FOR THE INAPPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIPS.
SKRCH
SKRCH
...
"YET"?
TWO HUNDRED POINTS DOWN THE DRAIN!! ONE DAY IN, AND I'VE LOST TOO MANY TO BRING BACK!!
...SORRY, AKIHISA. I TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID BEFORE.
URGH... THANKS, YUUJI... I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE EVER HONESTLY MADE ME FEEL BETTER ...
SO SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO STEER THE CONVERSATION AWAY.
WHAT ARE YOUR NAMES?
O-OH. WE HADN'T INTRODUCED OURSELVES.


MY NAME IS MIZUKI HIMEJI. FROM AKIHISA'S CLASS.
GLANCE
I'M MINAMI SHIMADA. I'M...


GUH, WAS SHE ABOUT TO SAY I'M HER PERSONAL PUNCHING BAG, LIKE DURING INTROS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?
...FRIENDS WITH AKI.

BWUH? BUT THAT'S TOO MUCH FOR DINNER.
I WAS SHOPPING FOR DINNER.

ANYWAY, WHERE DID YOU GO?
MIZUKI AND MINAMI? NICE TO MEET YOU.

NO, IT'S THE PERFECT AMOUNT.
OHO HO. GOING GROCERY SHOPPING WHEN SHE CAN'T COOK. I BET SHE MIXED UP THE INGREDIENT AMOUNTS.
ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT LIKE HER TO POUT WHEN I CALL HER OUT ON SOMETHING.
SINCE YOU'RE ALL HERE...
WHY DON'T YOU STAY FOR DINNER?
IT WON'T BE ANYTHING FANCY, BUT...
I THINK I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON THAT GRACIOUS OFFER.
I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN, IF IT'S NOT A BOTHER.
...DON'T MIND IF I DO.
I GUESS I'LL STAY, TOO.
TH-THEN SO WILL I...
THAT'S WONDERFUL.
HERE, AKI.
GOT IT.

I MADE MY LUNCH, REMEMBER?
YOU KNOW THAT ALREADY.
YEAH.
WHA? AKI'S COOKING?
AKIHISA, YOU CAN COOK?!
YOU DID CLAIM AS MUCH...
O-OH YEAH..
I-I'M NOT A VERY GOOD COOK...
...A GENTLEMANLY DIVERSION.
IT'S NOT THAT WEIRD, IS IT?
EVEN I CAN COOK.

AHA HA! 'CAUSE YOU SEEM LIKE THE LOWEST ON THE LADDER IN YOUR FAMILY!
SURE HAVE. BUT WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU KNEW?
MUTT-SULIN! ASIDE ...
I KNEW YOU'D LEARN TO COOK AT HOME.
'CAUSE IT'S ALWAYS THE LOWEST PERSON IN THE FAMILY WHO HAS TO MAKE DINNER!
PFFT
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TO
HUH? YOU GOTTA ASK?
?
HOW DO YOU FIGURE THAT?
WHY ARE YOU GUYS LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
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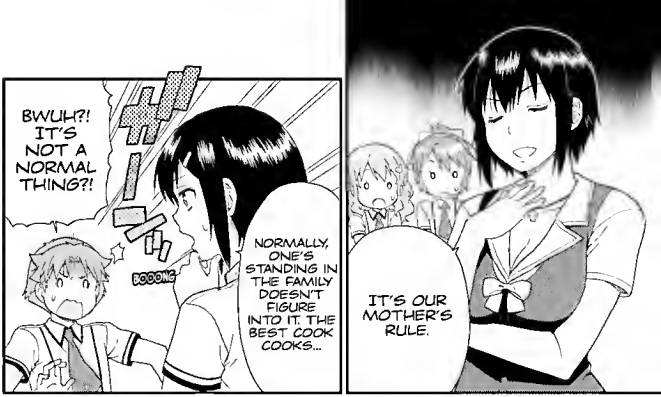

BWUH?! IT'S NOT A NORMAL THING?!
BOOING
NORMALLY, ONE'S STANDING IN THE FAMILY DOESN'T FIGURE INTO IT. THE BEST COOK COOKS...
IT'S OUR MOTHER'S RULE.

I KNEW THAT WAS WEIRD!!
THE MOM ALWAYS COOKS ON TV, EVEN THOUGH MOMS SHOULD BE ON THE TOP OF THE LADDER.
DAMMIT, MOM!! YOU'VE TRICKED ME ALL THESE YEARS!!

OH! I COULD--
...ME TOO.
IT'S A LITTLE EARLY, BUT SHOULD WE GET STARTED?
I'LL HELP.

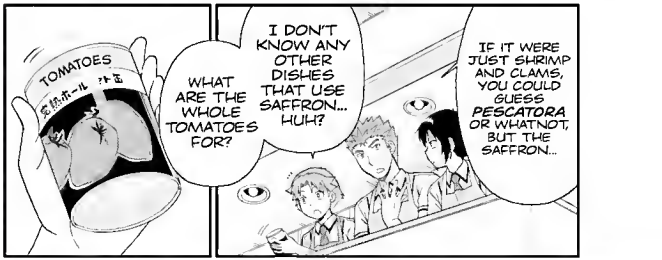
?
O-OH... OKAY...
WHAP
NOPE. YOU GIRLS TAKE A SEAT.

HEY, AKIHISA. YOU GOT A GOOD-SIZED POT?
HO HO! WE'VE GOT A BIG PAELLA POT!

MY MOM GOT IT YEARS AGO.
SO I TRIED MAKING SOME PAELLA FOR THE HECK OF IT, AND IT TURNED OUT DELICIOUS.
IT'S BEEN A FAVORITE DISH OF MINE SINCE.

PAELLA? ISN'T THAT A SPANISH DISH?
YOU'VE GOT SOME UNUSUAL COOKWARE. WE DON'T HAVE ONE OF THOSE.
...US NEI-THER.

SPANISH COOKING, HUH?
I FIGURED YOUR SISTER WOULD'VE ASKED FOR GOOD OL' JAPANESE FOOD.
SHE SAID SHE'S FINE WITH ANYTHING.
TOMATOES
SAFFRON
...BUT THESE GROCERIES SCREAM PAELLA.
YUP.


IF IT WERE JUST SHRIMP AND CLAMS, YOU COULD GUESS PESCATORA OR WHATNOT, BUT THE SAFFRON...
I DON'T KNOW ANY OTHER DISHES THAT USE SAFFRON... HUH?
WHAT ARE THE WHOLE TOMATOES FOR?
TOMATOES

...SOME KINDS OF PAELLA HAVE TOMATOES, ONIONS, AND GARLIC IN THE TOMATO SAUCE.
...IN ITALIAN COOKING, IT'S CALLED SOFFRITTO.
HUUUH. NEVER KNEW.
I'VE NEVER USED TOMATO SAUCE FOR PAELLA BEFORE.

DUDE, HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU MADE PAELLA?
I USED TO ALL THE TIME. LOVE IT.
THOUGH I HAVEN'T HAD THE MONEY TO MAKE IT SINCE I STARTED LIVING ALONE.
YOU MADE IT ALL THE TIME, BUT NOW SHE CHANGED UP THE INGREDIENTS?
DOESN'T THAT SEEM A LITTLE FISHY?
YOU THINK SO? SHE PROLLY JUST PLAIN FORGOT.
GROCERY SHOPPING AND COOKING WERE BOTH MY CHORES.
IS THAT SO? GUESS YOU COULD BE RIGHT.
HEY, AKIHISA. I JUST REALIZED ...
YOU'RE HIDING YOUR NORMAL ROUTINE FROM YOUR SIS, AREN'T YOU?
...SO YOU FOUND ME OUT.
IT'S PLAIN AS DAY, IDIOT.

...IN FOR A LEC-TURE?
EH, I WOULDN'T CARE IF SHE GOT MAD.
IF I'M NOT LIVING UP TO HER STANDARDS, OR IF I DON'T GET A GOOD ENOUGH SCORE ON MY SEMESTER EXAMS...
SHE'S GONNA START LIVING WITH ME.
TNK
IS THERE SOME-THIN' ELSE?
A GOOD ENOUGH SCORE? THAT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT POINTS NOTEBOOK THING?
YUP, EXACT-LY.
IF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MY PLACEMENT EXAM SCORE AND SEMESTER EXAMS ISN'T AT LEAST THAT HIGH, I'M SCREWED...
ON GOOD DAYS MY CUM LATIVE SCORE HAS BEEN AROUND 1000... I'M SERIOUSLY GONNA BE IN A FIX HERE!
YESTERDAY I WAS AT MINUS 20 POINTS. NOW I'VE DROPPED DOWN TO MINUS 320.
TNK
SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE READY TO HIT THE BOOKS.
NOW IT ALL MAKES SENSE.

...TH-THAT THING WITH MINAMI...
TNK
TNK
DON'T MENTION MY GRADES, OR MY REAL LIFESTYLE, OR...
SO BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY.

AKIRA'S REALLY STRICT ABOUT ME DOING ANYTHING WITH GIRLS!!
YOU GOTTA KEEP QUIET ABOUT THAT!
MMGF!
THAT THING? YOU MEAN THE KISS--

THANKS, YOU GUYS.
...I'VE GOT YOUR BACK.

I FEEL YOU.
WELL, BETTER FOR ME IF YOU LIVE ALONE, SO MY LIPS ARE SEALED.

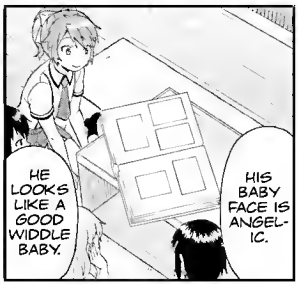
YOU'RE NOT GONNA MAKE THAT SOFFRITTO STUFF?
I SHOULD GET STARTED ON THE SAUCE.
AH, YUUJI, COULD YOU PASS ME THE CONSOMME?

SO DO YOU MAKE DINNER EVERY DAY, YUUJI?
WHATEVER YOU THINK IS BEST.
コンソメ
CONSOMMÉ
WE-ELL... I'D RATHER STICK WITH WHAT I KNOW SINCE YOU GUYS ARE OVER.
MUST BE NICE TO HAVE A MOM LIKE THAT.
I MEAN, MY MOM'LL MAKE DINNER...
IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S EVERY DAY.
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S DROWNING IN SORROW AFTER BEING SERVED CRAYFISH IN PLACE OF LOBSTER.
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
...BUT IF I LEAVE HER ALONE, GOD KNOWS WHAT SHE'LL CONCOCT...
YOU DO THAT. I'LL TOSS UP A SALAD AND DO DESSERT.
GOTTA ADD THE RICE NOW.

DON'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF OF THE POT AFTER YOU ADD THE SAUCE...
...OR THE RICE'LL END UP UN-EVENLY COOKED.
GEEZ, I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AKI'S BABY PICTURES?
EH? MAY WE?
THAT SOUNDS FUN.
I WONDER WHAT AKI LOOKED LIKE WHEN HE WAS LITTLE?
GUH... TOO EMBARRASSING... I WISH I COULD STOP HER...
BUT I GOTTA WATCH THE PAELLA, AND THE GIRLS ARE ALL INTERESTED, ANYWAY...

H-HE'S SOOO ADOR-ABLE!

THIS IS A PICTURE OF AKI IN THE BATH WHEN HE WAS ONLY TWO YEARS OLD.
AKIHISA, AGE 2. IN THE BATH


HE LOOKS LIKE A GOOD WIDDLE BABY.
HIS BABY FACE IS ANGEL-IC.

IT LOOKS SO WARM AND RE-LAXING.
HIS SLEEP-ING FACE IS SO IN-NOCENT.

AHA HA! HE FELL ASLEEP IN THERE! OH, AKI!
AND THIS IS A PICTURE OF AKI IN THE BATH WHEN HE WAS ONLY FOUR.
AKIHISA, AGE 4. IN THE BATH

HE'S GETTING MUCH TALLER.
A GROWING BOY!
WHEN WE WERE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL? I REMEMBER HIM THEN.
AND THIS IS A PICTURE OF AKI IN THE BATH WHEN HE WAS ONLY SEVEN.
WHOA NOW, AKIRA!
AND THIS IS A PICTURE OF AKI IN THE BATH WHEN HE WAS ONLY TEN.
GOD! I KNOW IT WAS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL, BUT BATH PHOTOS REALLY MIX IT U--
GAH! DOESN'T SHE HEAR ME?!
WHAT THE HECK IS THE THEME OF THAT PHOTO ALBUM ?!
WHY IS THIS JUST PICS OF ME IN THE BATH?!

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GULP
AND THIS IS A PICTURE OF AKI IN THE SHOWER LAST NIGHT.
WHYYYY ?!

WHEN DID SHE TAKE THAT ?!
THE CLOTHES!! IT WAS WHEN SHE BROUGHT IN THOSE CLEAN CLOTHES !!
EYES ON THE POT, AKI-HISA. IT'S GONNA BOIL OVER.

WHAT-EVER! I'VE GOT BIGGER FISH TO FRY!!
MEANING I'MA BREAK THAT IDIOT'S HEAD OPEN WITH A FRYING PAN!!

COOKING IS SERIOUS BUSINESS.
STAY HERE AND WATCH THAT POT.
LEGGO!! I HATE YOU, YUUJI!!
OKAY. IT'LL ALL BE OKAY! HIMEJI AND MINAMI HAVE COMMON SENSE, UNLIKE AKIRA.
OBVIOUSLY THEY WOULDN'T LOOK AT THAT KIND OF PICTURE!!

ALL RIGHT, FOLKS! DINNER IS SERVED!
TO BE CONTINUED

BAKA & TEST
SUMMON THE BEASTS

第52問
QUESTION 52
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WAFU
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WAFU
ALL RIGHT, FOLKS! DINNER IS SERVED!
THANK YOU.
I FEEL SILLY FOR HAVING YOU HELP AKI WHEN YOU'RE GUESTS.
NAH, DON'T SWEAT IT.
WE DON'T MIND COOKIN'.
STIRU
STIRU

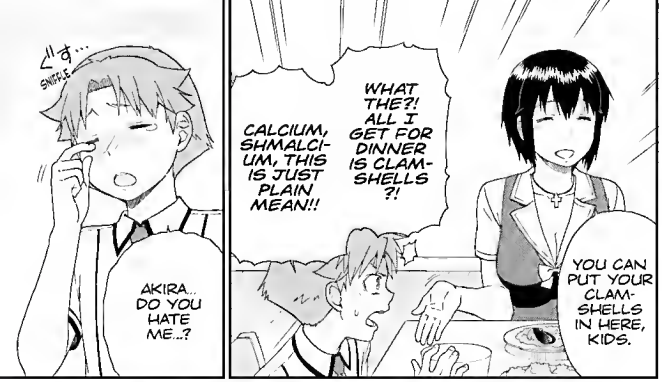
QUESTION 52

第Q52問

WHY DID YOU BOTH TURN RED FROM LOOKING AT ME?
I-IT LOOKS GOOD...
BLUSH
TH-THANK YOU VERY MUCH...
BLUSH

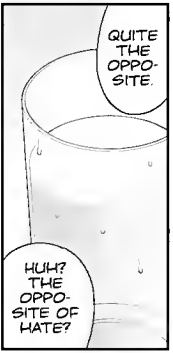
SEE? THERE YOU GO AGAIN..
THAT'S YOUR OWN FAULT, YOU KNOW!!
WE COULD HEAR YOU SHOUTING OUT IN THE LIVING ROOM.
WHY HAVE YOU BEEN SO HIGH-STRUNG, AKI?

WHAT'S THIS BOWL FOR?
MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T BEEN GETTING ENOUGH CALCIUM?
SWISH
SWOOSH


SNIFF
AKIRA... DO YOU HATE ME...?
CALCIUM, SHMALCIUM, THIS IS JUST PLAIN MEAN!!
WHAT THE?! ALL I GET FOR DINNER IS CLAM-SHELLS?!
YOU CAN PUT YOUR CLAM-SHELLS IN HERE, KIDS.

YOU COULD CONVINCE ME OTHERWISE...
I COULD NEVER HATE YOU.
HOW UP-SET-TING.

O-OH YEAH...
TWINKLE
IS LOVE.


QUITE THE OPPO-SITE.
HUH? THE OPPO-SITE OF HATE?

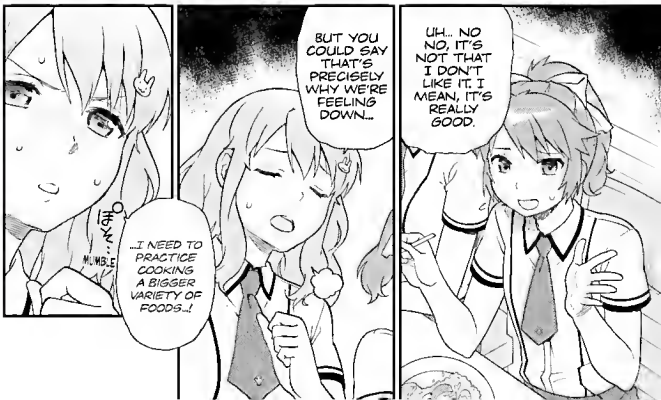
IT'S NICE TO HEAR THAT, BUT KINDA EMBARRASSED THAT SHE'D SAY THAT IN FRONT OF--
YES. I LOVE YOU, AKI.

KILL ME NOW.
AS A MAN.
SHE REALLY IS OUT TO DRIVE ME TO SUICIDE!! I SHOULDA KNOWN! I SHOULDA KNOWN ALL ALONG!!
'CAUSE IF NOT, I'D RATHER YOU HATED ME!!
THAT LAST PART WAS A JOKE, YEAH?!
WHAT?! WHAT WEIRD CRAP YOU GONNA SAY NOW?!
THIS REMINDS ME OF A CERTAIN JAPANESE SAYING.
HOLD UP!! DOESN'T THAT MEAN SHE THINKS I'M THE STUPIDEST KID IN THE WORLD?!
GIVE IT UP, AKIHISA. NOBODY IN THE WORLD LOVES YOU AS MUCH AS THIS WOMAN HERE.
"THE MORE FOOLISH A CHILD, THE MORE LOV-ABLE."

STOP IT! STOP HURTING ME, YOU GUYS!!
S-SO DO I! I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT AKIHISA IS THE MOST UNINTELLIGENT PERSON IN THE ENTIRE WORLD!
I-I THINK AKI'S THE STUPIDEST KID IN THE WORLD, TOO!
UM, THIS CONVERSATION COULD DESTROY MY LIFE AS I KNOW IT, SO...?
WH-WHO CARES?
BUT WHO CARES ABOUT THAT? MOVING ON...
LET'S EAT!
DINNER'S GETTING COLD.

MY, BUT THIS IS DELICIOUS.
GLAD YOU LIKE IT, BUD.
IT WAS WORTH MAKING IT TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT.
...
MOO
MOO

HUH? YOU TWO DON'T LIKE PAELLA?


UH.. NO NO, IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE IT. I MEAN, IT'S REALLY GOOD.
BUT YOU COULD SAY THAT'S PRECISELY WHY WE'RE FEELING DOWN...
...I NEED TO PRACTICE COOKING A BIGGER VARIETY OF FOODS...!
MUMBLE

MUMBLE
SOMETHING WITH A MORE EXOTIC FLAVOR, TO TOP THIS...
I'MA PRETEND I NEVER HEARD THAT.
MUMBLE
EXCELLENT COOKING.
STILL, I BROUGHT DIFFERENT INGREDIENTS THAN IN AKI'S USUAL RECIPE...
...BUT IT'S THE SAME AS ALWAYS. TOO BAD.
DON'T SOUND SO FULL OF YOURSELF.
YOU CAN'T COOK TO SAVE YOUR LIFE.
OH, REALLY?
I'VE GROWN IN WAYS YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT.
OH, YOU'VE GROWN, HAVE YOU?
HOW, EXACTLY?

I'M AN E-CUP NOW.
DO YOU EVEN KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WORD SHAME?!
AND THAT'S GOT NOTHIN' TO DO WITH COOKING!!

OF COURSE I'VE BEEN WORKING ON MY COOKING, TOO.
OH YEAH?
YES! I CAN TELL SEA URCHINS AND TOILET SCRUBBERS APART NOW.
I'M AMAZED YOU MADE IT THIS LONG WITHOUT MAKING THAT DISTINCTION ...
LUCKY DOG...

I'D EXPECT HER TO END UP WITH REGULAR BELL PEPPERS.
I'M SURPRISED YOU MANAGED TO BUY ACTUAL PAPRIKA PEPPERS, THEN.

I GAVE MY GROCERY LIST TO AN EMPLOYEE.
YOU MADE SOMEONE ELSE DO IT?!
IT WAS SIMPLE.

YOU SNEAKY LITTLE...!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU ASKED MY FRIENDS TO STAY FOR DINNER!!
YUUJI AND MUTTSULIN WOULD BE MY GREATEST THREATS HERE... THANK GOD I SHUT THEM UP ALREADY!!

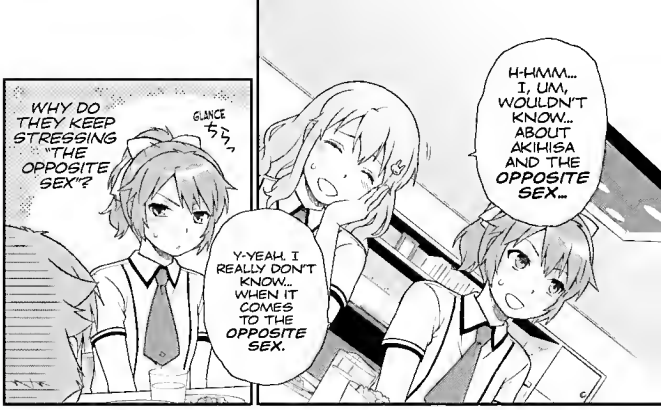
SO, KIDS...

HOW IS MY SILLY LITTLE BROTHER AT SCHOOL?
HIS GRADES, HIS INTERACTIONS WITH GIRLS...

UMM, I THINK AKIHISA HAS BEEN TRYING HIS VERY BEST.
HIS GRADES HAVE EVEN IMPROVED LATELY.
Y-YEAH, SOMETIMES HE REALLY PULLS THROUGH.

OH?
AND AS FAR AS THE OPPOSITE SEX?

HIMEJI! MINAMI! THANK YOU!
UNLIKE YUUJI, YOU WOULDN'T INSULT ANYBODY TO THEIR FACE OR IN FRONT OF THEIR FAMILY!


WHY DO THEY KEEP STRESSING "THE OPPOSITE SEX"?
GLANCE
Y-YEAH, I REALLY DON'T KNOW... WHEN IT COMES TO THE OPPOSITE SEX.
H-HMM... I, UM, WOULDN'T KNOW... ABOUT AKIHISA AND THE OPPOSITE SEX...

THE OPPO-SITE SEX, HMM...
WHICH ONLY LEAVES...
BUT WHAT-EVER LOOKS LIKE THEY'LL STAY QUIET.

WOULD YOU KNOW, HIDE-YOSHI?
IF YOU ASKED ME, I'D SAY...
BUT... THERE'S DEFINITELY A POSSIBILITY THAT HE'LL LET A LITTLE SOMETHING SLIP JUST TO TEASE ME. I GOTTA PREVENT THAT.
I DOUBT HE'D MENTION WHAT HAPPENED THE OTHER DAY IN FRONT OF ME AND MINAMI.

SAY "AH," HIDEYOSHI!
MM? AHH...
AKIRA'S STRICT ABOUT MANNERS, SHE WON'T MAKE HIM TALK WITH HIS MOUTH FULL. THAT'S MY OPENING.
MUNCH
SO, HIDEYOSHI--
HERE, HIDEYOSHI. SAY "AH"!
AHH...
HIDEYOSHI, YOU WERE SAY!--
"AHH"!
AHH...
HIDE-YO--
AHH.
"AHH"!
KRUNCH
HUH? THAT ONE SOUNDED--

YOU ALREADY DID! THIS IS AWFUL ENOUGH!!
I'LL HAVE TO DO AWFUL THINGS TO YOU.
DON'T INTERRUPT ME, AKI.
GAAAH!! M-MY ELBOW?!
IT'S TURNED BACK-WARD?! HAVE I EVOLVED ?!
NOW, WHAT WERE YOU SAYING, HIDE-YOSHI?
HMM. OH, YES...

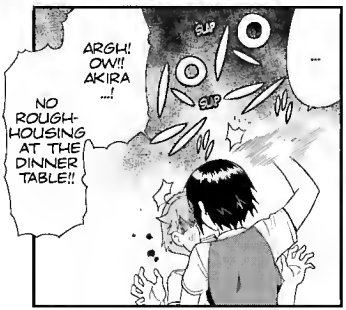
HE MUST HAVE FIGURED IT WOULD BE SAFE TO GIVE A TEASING ANSWER CAUSE HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT HER POINTS SYSTEM!
HE WON'T SAY WHAT HAPPENED, BUT DIDN'T HIDE THAT SOME-THING DID HAPPEN...
IF AKIHISA WON'T TELL YOU...
I CERTAINLY CAN'T BREAK HIS TRUST.

URGH... WHY COULDN'T I FILL HIM IN?
OH, IS IT A SECRET?
THEN I'LL HAVE TO SIT AKI DOWN AND HAVE A CRUNCHY TALK WITH HIM.
A WISE IDEA.
"CRUNCHY"?!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SAY A "NICE" AND "LONG" TALK, YOU KNOW!!
NOD
I GUESS ONE SHOULD FORTIFY ONESELF WITH CALCIUM AS ONE APPROACHES A PAINFUL DEATH.
OH, I ALMOST FORGOT TO TELL YOU.
YOU WON'T NEED TO MAKE ME DINNER STARTING TOMORROW.
HUH? OH YEAH?

BUT WHO CARES, THIS MEANS SHE'LL GET OFF MY BACK!!
WORK? SHE MUST MEAN AT DAD'S COMPANY.

I'LL BE HOME FROM WORK LATE EVERY DAY UNTIL THE WEEKEND.

FINALLY BACK IN JAPAN AND YOU GOTTA WORK? IT'S REALLY TOO BAD!
HUH?! N-NO WAY!
YOU LOOK AW-FULLY HAPPY.


ARGH! OW!! AKIRA ...!
NO ROUGH-HOUSING AT THE DINNER TABLE!!
SLAP
SLAP

...
"Happy."
SAY HOW YOU FEEL IN ENGLISH.

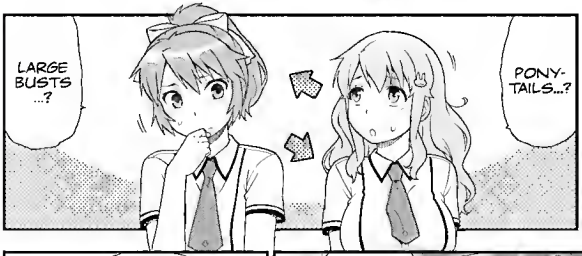
WE DECIDED TO HAVE A GROUP STUDY SINCE WE'RE ALL HERE ANYWAY, BUT I DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE IT...
STILL, I GOTTA STUDY FOR MY FREEDOM!
SHALL WE START STUDYING?
YEAH. DON'T WANNA GET HOME TOO LATE.
LET'S HIT THE BOOKS LIKE ALWAYS, GUYS! CAN'T JUST CRAM BEFORE TESTS, NOPE!
PEER
STUDYING TOGETHER?
THEN I HAVE SOMETHING GOOD FOR YOU.
GOOD?
YES. I FOUND IT WHEN I WAS TIDYING UP.
SLIP

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TEMPTATION
女子高生
A REFERENCE BOOK.
IT COULD COME IN HANDY.
?!
MY TOP SECRET STAAAASH !!
IT WAS IN AKI'S ROOM.

HELP YOURSELF IF YOU NEED TO STUDY FOR HEALTH CLASS.
NO ONE'S HELPING THEMSELVES !!
LIKE HELL IS THIS A REFERENCE BOOK!!

SO THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE AFTER!!
YOU SCAMMER !!
OH? YESTERDAY YOU GAVE ME PERMISSION.
I TOLD YOU TO STAY OUT OF THERE!!
AND WHY WERE YOU IN MY ROOM?!
Y-YEAH. MAYBE I SHOULD STUDY UP A LITTLE...
BOMP
FLIP
BOMP
THIS IS FOR REFERENCE, THAT'S ALL...
BOMP
THEY'RE GONNA FIND OUT ALL MY KINKS!!
YOU GUYS!! DON'T GO ALONG WITH HER HARASSMENT!!
JUST PLEASE DON'T LOOK!!

DON'T GO OVER YOUR FINDINGS!!
THEY'RE GONNA FIGURE OUT MY TYPE NO MATTER HOW MUCH I BACK-TRACK!!
YOU SEEM TO BE FOCUSING YOUR STUDIES ON GIRLS...
...WITH LARGE BUSTS AND PONY-TAILS.
I LOOKED THROUGH ALL OF THE OTHER REFERENCE BOOKS UNDER YOUR BED, TOO.

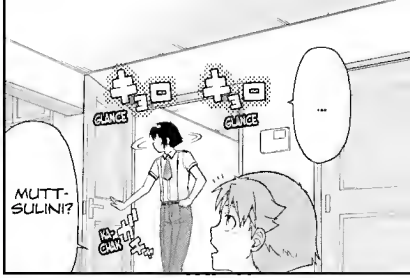

LARGE BUSTS...?
PONY-TAILS...?

Y-YES. SHALL WE?

LET'S GET TO STUDY-ING, GUYS!
Y-YEAH, YOU HEARD HIDE-YOSHI!
SHOULD WE NOT STUDY?

N-NO REAL REASON.
I THOUGHT IT MIGHT GET IN MY EYES.
M-MIZUKI, WHY ARE YOU PUTTING YOUR HAIR UP?!
THERE.
I-I'D PREFER A PONY-TAIL!
HOW ABOUT A BUN?!
THEN I'LL PUT IT UP FOR YOU!
NO! A BUN!!
MINAMI, YOU MEANIE ...
SIGH
WHAT-EVER HAP-PENED TO MUTT-SULINI?
HE'S BEEN QUIET.
COME TO THINK OF IT, HE DIDN'T EVEN PERK UP ABOUT THAT NAUGHTY BOOK...

TWITCH
TWITCH
AKIHISA.

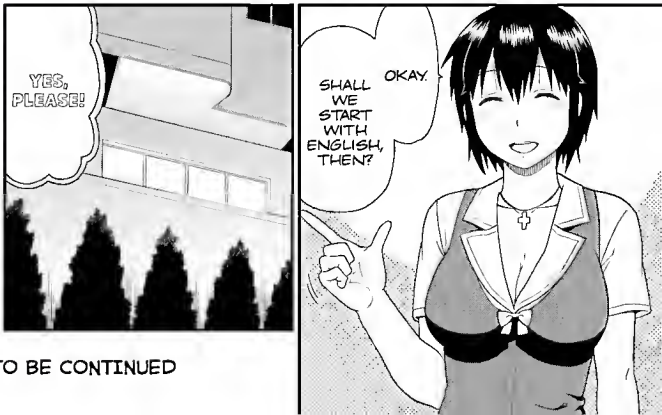

GLANCE
GLANCE
...
MUTT-SULINI?
KO CHU!!

WHAA?! YOU SERIOUSLY BELIEVED I HAD OVER 2000?!
...THE OTHER 1999?
BOOONG

WE GONNA STUDY OR NOT?
FORGET ABOUT HIS NAUGHTY BOOKS.

LIKE A PUPPY WHO WAS BEGGING FOR WALKIES AND GOT DENIED.
SLUMP
...I DON'T CARE ABOUT NAUGHTY BOOKS.

I THINK I COULD BE OF USE.
YES. I JUST FINISHED MY DEGREE LAST YEAR...
...AT AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN BOSTON.
IF YOU LIKE, I COULD TUTOR YOU.
EH? YOU WOULD?
B-BOSTON ...?!
YOU MEAN HARVARD?
YOU'VE HEARD OF IT? YES.
WHAA ?!
AKIRA IS A MASTER AT BOOK SMARTS, GOD KNOWS WHY.
MAYBE THAT'S WHY SHE'S SO LACKING IN COMMON SENSE.



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QUESTION 53
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...AHH... UHHH...
GOOD MORN-ING, AKI.
H-HEYA. MORN-ING.
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WOO

QUESTION 53

第53問

AKIRA?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN HERE?!
AND WHAT'S WITH THE MAKE-UP?!
YOU GONNA BULLY ME AGAIN?!
BULLY YOU? HOW DISRESPECTFUL.
CALL IT SOMETHING NICE. A PLAYFUL PRANK.
ARGH, I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU CALL IT!!
WHAT'S YOUR STUPID PRANK, THEN!!
SEXUAL HARASSMENT.
GET OUT!!
FINE. THEN AS A REVIEW OF LAST NIGHT'S MATERIAL...
I'LL DO AS YOU SAY--IN ENGLISH.
GRAP!! A POP QUIZ?! THE WITCH!!
SO BASICALLY, I JUST HAVE TO TELL HER TO GET LOST.

"Takeaff"!!
MINUS TEN POINTS.
RATS. NOT THE POINTS AGAIN!!
OKAY, "TAKEOFF" IS FOR PLANES. THE "TAKE" PART MUST MEAN TO GO. THEN IF I ADD "OUT" FOR OUTSIDE...

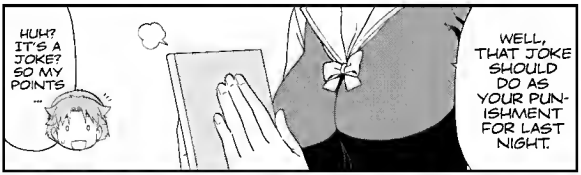
"Take ou"--
I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT IF YOU SAY "take out"...
...I'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOU OUT OF YOUR ROOM AND USE YOU AS A DRESS-UP DOLL.

Ouch.
...MINUS ANOTHER TEN POINTS.
CRASH AND BURN!!

"Take ouch"!!
CRAP! EVASIVE ACTION!!

Y-YEAH! THAT!!
"Take off your clothes"?
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY...

WHAT? WHYYY IS SHE SUDDENLY BRINGING UP MARRIAGE?!
BWRA
SINCE YOU INSIST. VERY WELL. NEITHER OF US WILL EVER MARRY.
"Take off clothes"!!


HUH? IT'S A JOKE? SO MY POINTS ...
WELL, THAT JOKE SHOULD DO AS YOUR PUNISHMENT FOR LAST NIGHT.

WITH EACH NEW DAY, MY FATE GROWS DARKER...
I'M AT MIN. 240 POINTS...

YOU MONSTER!!
...WERE NOT A JOKE.

BY THE WAY, "TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES" MEANS UNDRESS.
YOU'RE A NAUGHTY BOY, AKI!

...MINUS 30 POINTS.
YOU DEMON !!

AHA HA HA! WHY WOULD I EVER WANNA SEE YOU NAKED?

AND I FOUND TWO MORE NAUGHTY BOOKS.
BWARGH !!

UH, YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO ADMIT YOUR ULTERIOR MOTIVES...
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING...
I "CLEANED UP" YOUR ROOM TO SEARCH IT.

WHICH MEANS MINUS ANOTHER 20 POINTS.
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THAT'S INSANE!!
NONE OF THEM HAVE FEATURED OLDER SISTERS, SO I DOCKED YOU 20 POINTS.
OUT OF THE SIX BOOKS I'VE FOUND...
URGH.. SO IT'S TEN POINTS PER BOOK?
NO.
WAIT, SHOULDN'T SHE BE CREEPED OUT BY IT ANYWAY?!
HOW COULD I EVER BUY THAT STUFF WHEN I ACTUALLY HAVE AN OLDER SISTER?!
I KNOW I COME OFF AS HARSH, BUT IT'S TOUGH LOVE.
THAT'S A FREAKING LAME EXCUSE COMING RIGHT AFTER ADMITTING YOUR PERSONAL STAKE IN IT!!
NOW, LET'S HAVE BREAKFAST AND GET READY FOR THE DAY.
I HAVE WORK TO GET TO.
URGH... I CAN'T LIVE LIKE THIS...

SO, YUUJI...
GUH!
LET'S HAVE ANOTHER STUDY PARTY TODAY!!

...OKAY, YOU'RE CREEPING ME OUT WITH THAT CHEERY CRAP.
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY.
I DON'T GOT THE LEEWAY TO CARE ABOUT HOW WEIRD IT SOUNDS.
WHAT, SHE DOCKED YOUR POINTS AGAIN?

THEN YOU NEED A CUMU-LATIVE SCORE OF ABOUT 1090 ON EXAMS.
MY PERSONAL BEST IS JUST BARELY OVER 1000.
I'M WALK-ING A THIN LINE HERE.

YEAH... ENGLISH QUIZ BEFORE I WAS EVEN OUT OF BED.
I THINK I'M AT MINUS 290 POINTS.
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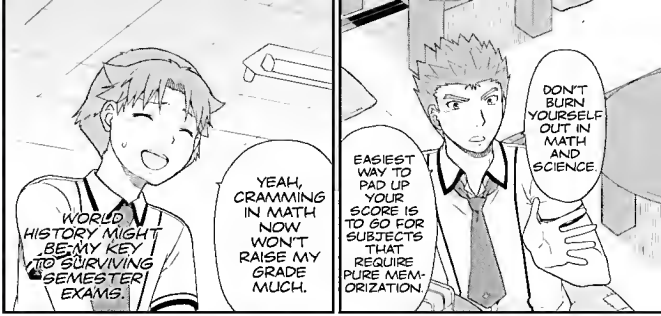
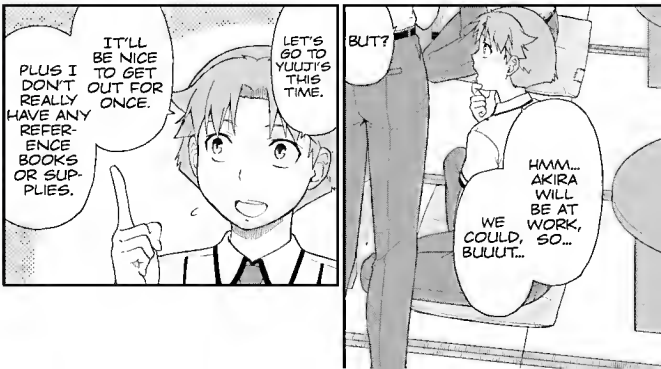
SIGH

1100 IS AN AVERAGE CLASS E CUMULATIVE SCORE. TO BE BLUNT, I DON'T THINK I'VE GOT THIS.
THEN YOU COULD STILL PULL IT OFF.
IF YOU FOCUS ON SUBJECTS CENTERING ON MEMORIZATION AND CRAM LIKE THERE'S NO TOMORROW... YOU COULD BRING YOUR SCORE UP ENOUGH.
YOU HAVEN'T REACHED YOUR FULL POTENTIAL IN WORLD HISTORY YET, SO AIM FOR THAT.
YOU'RE STILL AROUND 50 OR 60 POINTS IN THERE, RIGHT?
YEAH. SURPRISED YOU REMEMBER.
HEY, I AM THE CLASS REP.
NOW, UNLIKE ON THE CLASS PLACEMENT EXAM, TANAKA'S CREATING THE EXAM QUESTIONS.
LUCKY FOR YOU, HUH?
OH YEAH. IT'LL BE EASIER WITH MR. TANAKA.
MR. TANAKA'S WELL-LOVED AMONG THE STUDENTS FOR MAKING EASY TESTS.
IN THE SUMMONER'S TEST WARS, THAT DOESN'T MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE UNLESS YOU CAN SCORE A LOT HIGHER THAN EVERYBODY ELSE. BUT RIGHT NOW EVERY POINT COUNTS FOR ME.


WORLD HISTORY MIGHT BE MY KEY TO SURVIVING SEMESTER EXAMS.
YEAH, CRAMMING IN MATH NOW WON'T RAISE MY GRADE MUCH.
EASIEST WAY TO PAD UP YOUR SCORE IS TO GO FOR SUBJECTS THAT REQUIRE PURE MEMORIZATION.
DON'T BURN YOURSELF OUT IN MATH AND SCIENCE.

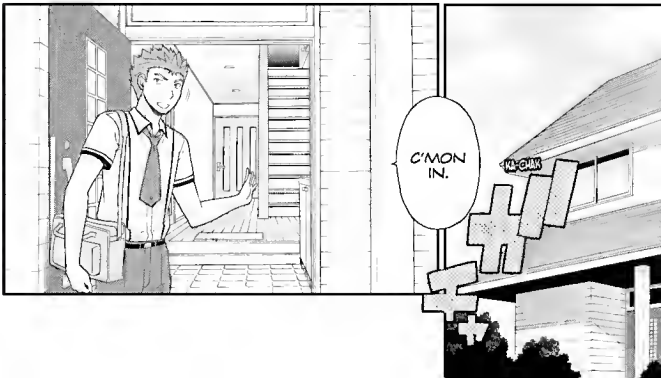
..STUDYING AT AKIHISA'S APARTMENT AGAIN TODAY?
ARE YOU...


PLUS I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY REFERENCE BOOKS OR SUPPLIES.
IT'LL BE NICE TO GET OUT FOR ONCE.
LET'S GO TO YUUJI'S THIS TIME.
BUT?
WE COULD, BUUUT...
HMM... AKIRA WILL BE AT WORK, SO...

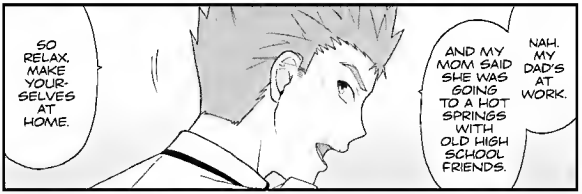
YOU FORCED YOUR WAY INTO MY PLACE YESTERDAY AND ALL.
THAT OKAY WITH YOU, YUUJI?
I PROPOSED YUUJI'S HOUSE PARTLY BECAUSE OF SUPPLIES AND STUFF... BUT MOSTLY TO GET HIM IN ON THIS.
HE GETS STARTLINGLY PATHETIC ABOUT STUFF-HE'S NOT PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN THIS, MAY BE THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET HIM TO TUTOR ME
EH, I GUESS I WAS PRETTY PUSHY...
OKAY. WE'LL STUDY AT MY PLACE.
CLENCH
FORTUNATELY, MY MOM'S OFF AT A HOT SPRINGS.
WOULD YOU MIND IF I JOINED YOU?
I DON'T FEEL LIKE STUDYING ON MY OWN.

NO PROB. I BET THE USUAL GANG WILL ALL COME.
LET'S GET MOVING.
YUP!

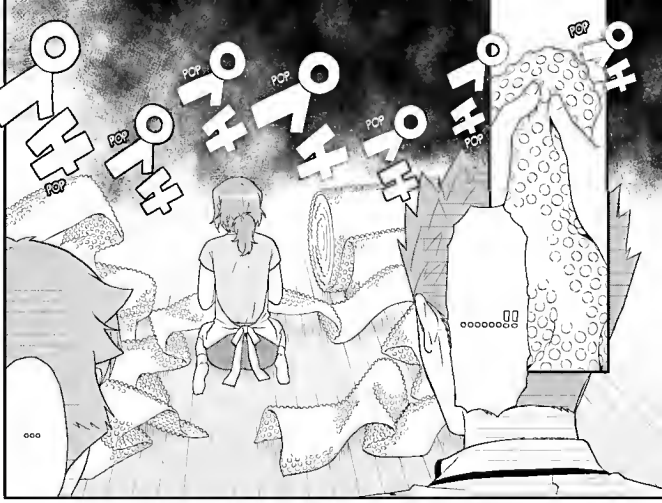
YO, MUTT-SULIN!!
HIMEJI! MINAMI!!


C'MON IN.
KI-CHIKA

'SCUSE US.
NOBODY HOME, YUUJI?


NAH. MY DAD'S AT WORK.
AND MY MOM SAID SHE WAS GOING TO A HOT SPRINGS WITH OLD HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDS.
SO RELAX. MAKE YOUR-SELVES AT HOME.

HEY LAST TIME I WAS OVER, YOUR FAMILY WAS GONE, TOO.
YEAH, IT'S EASIER THAT WAY IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.
KACHA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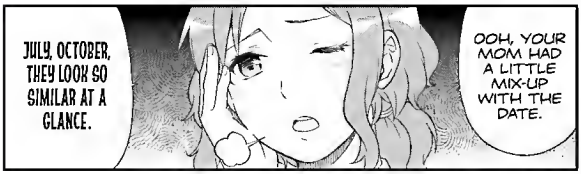
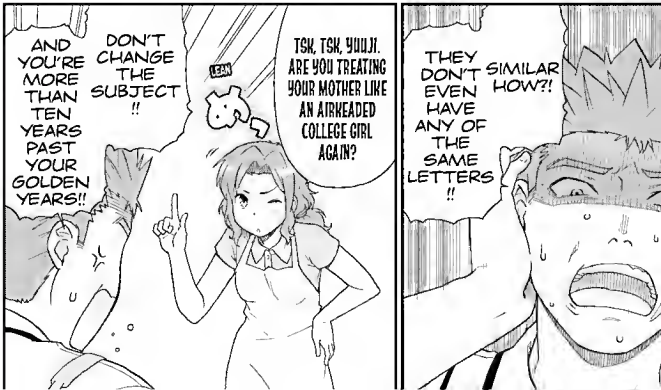
LOOKS LIKE A MENTAL PATIENT BROKE INTO MY HOUSE SOMEHOW.
'CAUSE MY MOM'S AWAY AT A HOT SPRINGS.
PERHAPS IT'S RELATED TO HER JOB?
...INTENSE CONCENTRATION.
NOW THIS IS ODD.
YUUJI, SPINNING SUCH A CRINGE-WORTHY LIE?
I'D NEVER EXPECT THIS FROM OUR BRUTE OF A CONMAN.
I'LL COME BACK TO THIS AFTER LUNCH.
AND SHE'S STILL GOING STRONG!
HM...? IT'S THIS TIME ALREADY?
I THOUGHT YUUJI HAD ONLY JUST LEFT FOR SCHOOL.
SHE'S BEEN AT IT FOR EIGHT HOURS.

MOM! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
BAM
OH, YUUJI DEAR! WELCOME HOME!
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HERE TO WELCOME ME HOME!!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HOT SPRINGS TRIP?!


OOH, YOUR MOM HAD A LITTLE MIX-UP WITH THE DATE.
JULY, OCTOBER, THEY LOOK SO SIMILAR AT A GLANCE.

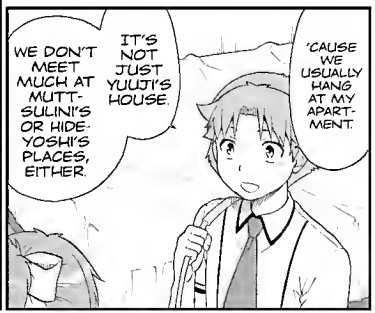

THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY OF THE SAME LETTERS !!
SIMILAR HOW?!
TSK, TSK, YUUJI. ARE YOU TREATING YOUR MOTHER LIKE AN AIRHEADED COLLEGE GIRL AGAIN?
LEAN
DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT !!
AND YOU'RE MORE THAN TEN YEARS PAST YOUR GOLDEN YEARS!!

OH, ARE THESE YOUR FRIENDS?
LISTEN TO ME!!
O...DEAR GOD, I CAN'T EVEN... I LITERALLY CAN'T EVEN... JUST... WOW.
WELCOME TO OUR HOME!
THANK YOU FOR LOOKING AFTER MY YUUJI.
I'M HIS MOTHER, YUHINO.
I-ISN'T SHE REALLY YOUNG?!
MM... SHE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A MOTHER...
...MILF MATERIAL.
SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE COULD BE YOUR SISTER.

G-GUYS, JUST PRETEND YOU NEVER SAW HER AND COME UP TO MY ROOM...
S-SURE. 'SCUSE US, MA'AM.
I'LL BRING YOU ALL UP SOME TEA LATER!

THIS'S MY ROOM. C'MON IN.
YOU KNOW, I HAVEN'T BEEN IN HERE FOR AWHILE.
NEI-THER HAVE I.
...SAME HERE.
HUH? YOU GUYS DON'T COME HERE OFTEN?

AKIHISA'S HOUSE IS THE MOST CONVENIENT.
WHEN IT COMES TO LOCATION AND SPACE...

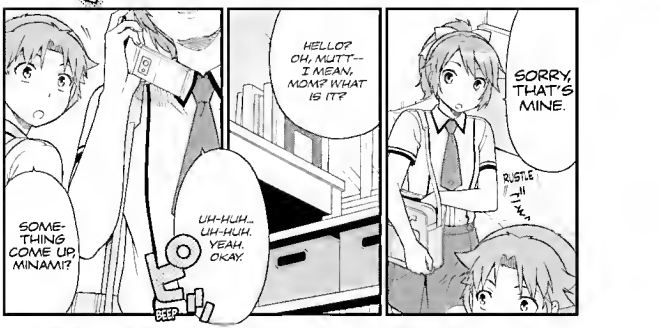

WE DON'T MEET MUCH AT MUTTSULIN!'S OR HIDEYOSHI'S PLACES, EITHER.
IT'S NOT JUST YUUJI'S HOUSE.
'CAUSE WE USUALLY HANG AT MY APARTMENT.

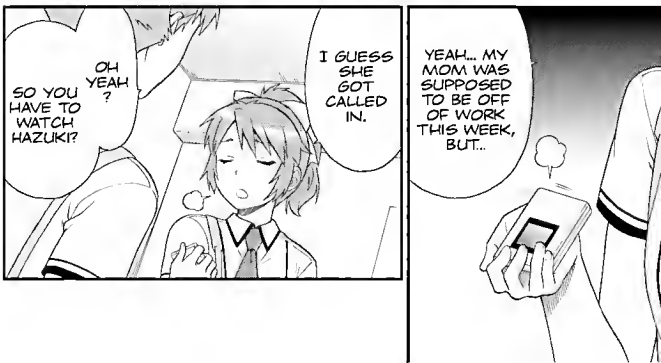
AND LIVING ALONE ALL DEPENDS ON MY SEMESTER EXAMS.
IF YOU IGNORE MY GROCERY BUDGET...
HE DOES LIVE ALL ALONE IN A FAMILY-SIZE APARTMENT.
HOW LUXURIOUS.

WE CAN'T USE THE LIVING ROOM?
WE CAN, BUT WITH MY MOM OUT THERE...
SHE'D DISTRACT US.

ANYHOW...
IT'S A LITTLE CROWDED IN MY ROOM WITH THE WHOLE GANG HERE...

DON'T BE LIKE THAT, SAKAMOTO.
YOUR MOTHER ISN'T A NUISANCE.
YOU CAN ONLY SAY THAT 'CAUSE YOU DON'T LIVE WITH HER.
TRY BEING WITH HER 24/7 AND YOU'D RUN OUT OF WORDS--
Pyr!


SORRY, THAT'S MINE.
RUSTLE
HELLO? OH, MUTT-- I MEAN, MOM? WHAT IS IT?
UH-HUH... UH-HUH. YEAH. OKAY.
SOME-THING COME UP, MINAMI?
BEEP


I GUESS SHE GOT CALLED IN.
OH YEAH?
SO YOU HAVE TO WATCH HAZUKI?
YEAH... MY MOM WAS SUPPOSED TO BE OFF OF WORK THIS WEEK, BUT..

YUP. SORRY, I GOTTA HEAD HOME.
LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN SOME-TIME.

HOLD YOUR HORSES, SHIMADA. WHY DON'T WE MOVE TO YOUR PLACE?
HUH? MY PLACE?
AND WE CAN SEE HAZUKI, TOO!
...WE'LL MAKE YOU DINNER.
A SPLENDID IDEA. LITTLE HAZUKI KNOWS ALL OF US.
AND YUUJI'S ROOM IS TOO SMALL FOR US.

IS THAT OKAY WITH YOU, MINAMI?
UH... S-SURE ...
HMM? SHE DOESN'T SEEM TOO INTO THE IDEA?
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HEY MOM, WE'RE TAKING OFF.
WARM UP YESTERDAY'S LEFTOVERS FOR DINNER.
YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY ?
I WAS ABOUT TO BRING YOU SOME TEA.
SORRY. SOMETHIN' CAME UP.
..WHAT ARE YOU HOLDING THAT BOTTLE OF NOODLE BROTH FOR?
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NOODLE BROTH
NOODLE BROTH?
OH, DEARIE ME! I THOUGHT IT WAS ICED COFFEE...
MOM... I'M NOT GONNA ASK YOU TO NOTICE THE COLOR OR THE SMELL...
JUST... READ THE LABEL. PLEASE.

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